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### South East LEP, The Capital of Social Enterprise – Making it Happen

We are writing to the Leaders and Chief Executives of the County and Unitary Authorities to seek your consideration of a new **Local Authority / South East LEP / RBLI partnership** that provides employment and training for our Veterans by using Social Value through new transport projects.

RBLI would like to be a social value partner and be formally nominated as the preferred supplier of signage for new transport projects in the South East. By securing new orders RBLI will in turn be able to provide more support for Veterans in each of the six County and Unitary Authorities.

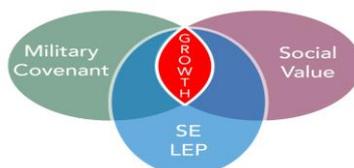
We think such a partnership would be an excellent example of how our local authorities are coming together to make South East LEP the “Capital of Social Enterprise”.

Many colleagues will be aware of RBLI’s work at first hand and we believe by creating such an initiative will provide more employment and training opportunities for those Veterans who need our support. In turn, any proceeds are used to support wider charitable work such as RBLI’s LifeWorks programme which delivers employment support to unemployed Veterans in your communities. In the last two years RBLI has supported over 300 Veterans through LifeWorks with an 85% success rate.

The introduction of the Armed Forces Community Covenant (AFCC) has been a very welcome development. It has to be right that we put greater effort into ensuring the military, the wider public and voluntary sectors work at a practical level to assist our Veterans in adjusting to civilian life. RBLI have helped several Local Authorities with the implementation of the AFCC as one of the core areas of support identified in helping Veterans start new careers.

RBLI will be making a presentation at the South East LEP Board meeting on 20 March; in the meantime do feel free to contact Steve Sherry.

Yours sincerely



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