

Royal Navy/ MOD and Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Note of Joint Partnership Working

Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre

02 June 2023

NOTE OF MEETING

Attendees.

- [REDACTED] (Captain) - MOD
- [REDACTED] (Civil Service) - MOD
- Jonathan Welch, RGD Programme Manager - Council
- Kirsty Flanagan, Executive Director - Council
- Pippa Milne, Chief Executive - Council
- Ross McLaughlin, Head of Commercial Services - Council
- [REDACTED] (Commodore) - MOD
- Stuart Green, Corporate Support Manager - Council

1. Welcome

- a. Noting that the Commodore and Captain are recent appointments, a welcome was made to all and round table introductions on role and purpose of each attendee.

2. Where are we now?

- a. In the 6 months in post, the Commodore has been reviewing existing and emerging plans for the change programme.
- b. A priority is ensuring all stakeholders are working to a single vision and associated structures and resources are in place.
- c. Decisions have been taken to allow the construction of further living accommodation on the base to meet the demand for growing numbers of personnel.
- d. Colgrain business site; outline business case emerging and new planning consent received for a larger site.

3. What are the challenges?

- a. Existing governance arrangements around the SDDF requires review to ensure it remains fit for purpose.
- b. Recruitment and retention of staff across all sectors is very challenging and note the challenge to complete with the private sector.

4. How do we go forward together?

- a. Explore establishment of working groups to progress priorities;
 - i. Infrastructure – all aspects including exploring level of need for offsite office accommodation.
 - ii. Skills, training and 'softer issues'. Ensure there is a joined up approach to promoting careers in defence via schools, DYW, Argyll College and SDS.
- b. Commodore will include other key representatives from the MOD.