

# Royal Navy/ MOD and Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

## Review of Partnership Working

Helensburgh and Lomond Civic Centre

17 January 2024

### NOTE OF MEETING

#### Attendees.

- [REDACTED] Captain of the Base, HMNB Clyde – MOD
- Fergus Murray, Head of Development and Economic Growth, Council
- [REDACTED] Chief of Staff, HMNB Clyde - MOD
- Pippa Milne, Chief Executive - Council
- [REDACTED], Commodore, HMNB Clyde - MOD
- Stuart Green, Corporate Support Manager – Council

#### Apologies

- Kirsty Flanagan, Executive Director - Council
- Ross McLaughlin, Head of Commercial Services - Council

#### Note of Meeting

1. The Commodore provided a verbal update on the new Estate Management Plan (EMP).
2. The emergence of the critical issue with RAAC caused significant disruption to the estate within HMNB Clyde and an unexpected need for extensive temporary arrangements. Consequently this sharpened thinking about what needs to be on the base and what can be relocated out of the base.
3. The EMP was informed by up to date calculations on future number of berths, personnel and accommodation units required which will effectively double over the longer period.
4. Development of a vision (North Star) supported by an emerging Masterplan on what HMNB Clyde should look like and is informed by;
  - i. A review of zones and optimum flow of personnel and information.
  - ii. Understanding of space and permissible uses.
5. The vision provides;
  - i. A singular vision for the MOD, partners and stakeholders.
  - ii. A route to delivery of the Masterplan (2070).

- iii. Clear signalling to markets and strategic partners (e.g. Local Development Plan).
6. Noting that the scale of the vision is so significant, work is ongoing to assess capacity within the UK to facilitate this development e.g. planning, environmental, design, development etc.
7. The Commodore has 'stood up' two project teams as follows to commence progressing the vision;
  - i. Offsite engineering
  - ii. Offsite accommodation.
8. The group noted the debate on perception of lack of economic benefits from the investment into HMNB Clyde and the Council seeks to understand where in the wider MOD organisation decisions are made on accommodation out with the wire and how we influence this.
9. It is noted that the MOD are looking at office block in Dumbarton and the Council is keen to explore the scope for future decision to relocate (some) of these posts back into Argyll and Bute.
10. The Council has made an offer to explore a lease to the MOD a whole floor of the Helensburgh and Lomond civic centre – up to 60 desks. The Commodore agreed to forward the offer to the relevant project team.
11. Council is keen to understand the MODs plans around the future of McKenzie estate in Rhu and the MOD agreed to share contact details of the relevant officer.
12. **Action;** the following was agreed;
  - i. The Commodore will provide headline statements on the EMP that was signed off by senior RN Command.
  - ii. The Council will reference these headline statements of HMNB Clyde Estate Management Plan into our Rural Growth Deal submissions to governments.
  - iii. Next meeting after Easter 2024 to explore joint work on infrastructure.