

HMNB CLYDE STRATEGIC DELIVERY AND DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK BOARD (SDDF)

Note of MS Teams Call – 09 February 2022

In attendance;

1. [REDACTED], Commodore, HMNB Clyde, Royal Navy
2. [REDACTED], FAM Implementation Lead, MOD
3. Claire Dobson, Superintendent, Police Scotland
4. David Moore, Scottish Fire and Rescue
5. Fergus Murray, Head of Growth, Argyll and Bute Council
6. Kirsty Flanagan, Executive Director, Argyll and Bute Council
7. [REDACTED], Commander, Base Executive Officer, Royal Navy (MF)
8. Matt Mulderrig, Development Policy Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
9. [REDACTED], Captain of the Base, Royal Navy
10. [REDACTED], Estates, MOD
11. Pippa Milne, Chief Executive, Argyll and Bute Council - Chair
12. Ross McLaughlin, Head of Commercial Services, Argyll and Bute Council
13. Stuart Green, Corporate Support Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
14. Theresa Correia, Scottish Enterprise

Apologies

1. [REDACTED], Strategic Communications, HMNB Clyde
2. Emma Grimason, Chief Inspector, Police Scotland
3. [REDACTED], Innovation Projects, HMNB Clyde
4. Jane Jarvie, Communications Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
5. Joe McKay, Scottish Fire and Rescue
6. Lynn Ratcliffe, Divisional Commander Police Scotland
7. [REDACTED], Accommodation Programme Manager, MOD
8. Robin Currie, Cllr, Leader, Argyll and Bute Council
9. Roderick MacNeill, Area Commander, Police Scotland
10. [REDACTED], Warrant Officer, Royal Navy
11. [REDACTED], Commander, Royal Navy

Note of Meeting

1. **Note of SDDF Board Meeting – 27 October 2021**
 - a. Agreed as an accurate record.
2. **Office and Business Accommodation**
 - a. Ross provided an update on the Council's office rationalisation programme. It has been concluded from the staff engagement that the optimum model is a hybrid office model. The project team is currently undertaking costings for 10 sites across Argyll and Bute. The Civic Centre will remain the primary hub for Helensburgh.
 - b. Ross has been assisting [REDACTED] in developing the MODs business case for office accommodation out with the base. This is a significant

undertaking and it will be some time before this is complete. Colgrain remains an option and the landowner is keen to progress discussions to secure proposals and the Board noted;

- i. Council are committed to taking forward the site and in parallel will continue to support the development of [REDACTED]'s work.
- ii. Council officers' are engaging the Colgrain land owner to explore all options for development of Colgrain site.
- iii. Recent successful appointment of consultants in relation to the Rural Growth Deal who will support the development of business cases for Colgrain.
- iv. Council officers will develop costings to service the site which will inform the business case for the Rural Growth Deal.
- v. The primary objective is to build an innovation hub and seek input from MOD and associated supply chain contractors.
- vi. Scottish Enterprise attended an initial meeting with supply chain contractors as arranged by the Commodore.
- vii. **Action 1**; stakeholders are interested in the concept and it was agreed to arrange a workshop at the first available opportunity; Theresa Correia.
- viii. Agreed to continue engagement with partners on possible public sector co-location at Colgrain.

3. Future Business Accommodation Model

- a. [REDACTED] provided an update of the pilot and highlighted that the programme has processed over 1,600 applications to date.
- b. It was noted that many of the applicants are seeking to live out with Argyll and Bute and [REDACTED] considers that the pilot has not achieved an objective of the board to increase personnel to reside locally and keen to explore options to improve local take up.
- c. Next step for the programme is to roll out the pilot out the rest of the UK and the implementation team are exploring options to make FAM a more attractive option for personnel.
- d. The board acknowledges that;
 - i. The primary objective of the pilot is to encourage personnel to rent or buy their own accommodation and that has been successful.
 - ii. A number of personnel bought new houses in the Helensburgh area when both stock was available and market prices were affordable to personnel and market conditions are currently less favourable.
- e. **Action 2**; the board agreed to ask the Management Group to reassess both future demand for personnel housing and medium to long term private sector supply. The assessment can review options previously considered and discounted. [REDACTED] will ensure future projections on numbers of

personnel are provided to Matt and Ross. In parallel the Royal Navy will consider options to improve the offer for personnel to settle locally e.g. location of training.

4. AOCB

- a. Helensburgh Community Council (HCC) invited Royal Navy to participate in a forum in March on future of Helensburgh. [REDACTED] will liaise with the HCC.
- b. STEM – [REDACTED] has written to partners to secure support for a new programme with schools to encourage school children's interest in a career in science, technology engineering and mathematics.
- c. [REDACTED] keen to explore how to 'open up' the activities of the Royal Navy with communities and is considering a public event for the summer 2022 and is exploring venues.
- d. Fergus Murray provided an update on the UK Government's 'Levelling Up Fund' of which there are two proposals.
 - a. The first is 'Connected Argyll and Bute' within which they seek to develop an active travel route from Dumbarton to Rosneath via Faslane. Parallel to this are proposals for low carbon public transport to serve the base to reduce car travel for employees.
 - b. Also seeking to secure funding to improve the structural integrity of Helensburgh Pier to create a stronger foundation for more activity at the pier.
 - c. Seeking formal support from the MOD as part of the submission and [REDACTED] is content to provide this.