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CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNIT

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HMNB CLYDE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME- NEW PARTNERSHIP WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This covering report accompanies the paper entitled HMNB Clyde Transformation Programme – New Partnership Working, which was previously considered by the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee in March 2026.

The original report set out proposed new governance arrangements for engagement between Argyll and Bute Council, HM Naval Base Clyde (HMNB Clyde) and the Scotland Office, in support of the Clyde Transformation Programme, replacing the former Strategic Delivery and Development Framework (SDDF).

The substantive report is attached at Appendix 1 and remains unchanged. This covering report summarises the outcome of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee’s consideration and sets out the recommendation now being sought.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee considered the report on the proposed governance arrangements for the Clyde Transformation Programme where it:

- noted the proposed governance arrangements for the Clyde Transformation Programme;
- requested that consideration be given to the inclusion of a democratically elected representative within the membership; and
- noted that endorsement of the new arrangements would be sought from the Community Planning Partnership and Full Council.

The Area Committee recognised the strategic importance of the Clyde Transformation Programme and the need for appropriate democratic engagement alongside senior officer and partner involvement.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is asked to:

- agree the governance arrangements for the Clyde Transformation Programme as set out in the report attached at Appendix 1
- agree, subject to the agreement of the Scotland Office, that the Council Leader / Policy Lead for Economic Development (Councillor Jim Lynch) be added to the membership of the Clyde Transformation Programme governance arrangements
- to note that regular liaison will be undertaken with the area committee chair to ensure that local issues are appropriately represented
- note that agreement to the revised membership change, be sought with HMNB Clyde.

4.0 DETAIL

Working Arrangements

The proposed governance arrangements, as set out in the attached report, introduce a refreshed partnership model involving quarterly engagement, including both strategic sessions between Argyll and Bute Council, HMNB Clyde and the Scotland Office, and wider sessions involving Clyde authorities and partners.

It is proposed that the governance arrangements for the Clyde Transformation Programme, as set out in the report at Appendix 1, be formally approved.

Separately, and in response to the request of the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee, it is proposed that the governance arrangements be strengthened through the inclusion of a democratically elected representative. Specifically, it is recommended that the Council Leader / Policy Lead for Economic Development (Councillor Jim Lynch) be added to the membership of the governance group, subject to the agreement of the Scotland Office.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Agreement of the proposed governance arrangements, together with the proposed addition of democratic representation (subject to partner agreement), will support effective partnership working and provide appropriate oversight of the Clyde Transformation Programme.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy: None arising directly from this covering report.

- 6.2 Financial: None arising directly from this covering report.
- 6.3 Legal: None arising directly from this covering report.
- 6.4 HR: None arising directly from this covering report.
- 6.5 Customer Service: None arising directly from this covering report.
- 6.6 Risk: None arising directly from this covering report.
- 6.7 Climate Change: None arising directly from this covering report.
- 6.8 Fairer Scotland Duty: None arising directly from this covering report..
- 6.9 Equalities: None arising directly from this covering report.
- 6.10 Consumer Duty: None arising directly from this covering report.
- 6.11 Island Communities: None arising directly from this covering report.
- 6.12 Children's Rights and Wellbeing: None arising directly from this covering report.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – HMNB Clyde Transformation Programme – New Partnership Working

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