Productive Growth and High Value Jobs Pillar – Scrutiny Update 9.7.2025



I of 4 Pillars in our Economic Strategy

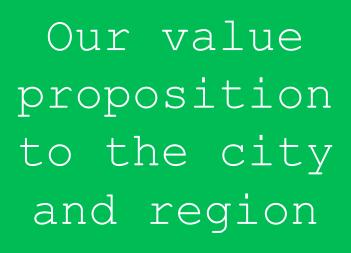


- Political Lead Cllr Tudor
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- External Lead Prof.Richard Davies
- PCC Officer Lead Nina Sarlaka



Our Universities – Prof. Richard Davies





- Supporting economic growth and prosperity
- Leading research, innovation and skills in key sectors
 defence, marine, health, environment, creative industries
- Extending the City's **international dimension** bilateral activities and students from c.130 countries, operations in four continents
- Raising aspiration and opportunity for disadvantaged young people
- Championing Plymouth as a place to live work and study

University of Plymouth Contribution



- Innovation Taskforce/Board
 - Strategic lead for innovation in the city, chairing the PGB Innovation Taskforce and the GAP Marine Innovation subgroup
 - Delivering commercialisation of knowledge and ideas, raising productivity, attracting/retaining talent, and accelerating growth and international competitiveness
- Sectors:
 - Marine and Defence COAST, Maritime Simulation and Cyber-SHIP Labs plus proposed AMTecH
 - Advanced Manufacturing Plymouth Electron Microscopy Centre, Composites Engineering Lab
 - Health and Health Technology e.g. The Plymouth Health Determinants Research Collaboration (PHDRC); BRICS.
 - Creative and Immersive Digital e.g. creative technologies, digital storytelling and immersive (VR/AR) experience design, digital fabrication technologies

- Encouraging Innovation, Business Growth and Investment
 - Support for Business Start-Ups via The Cube
 - Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTPs)
 - Access to facilities and equipment e.g. Babbage
 Building Digital Fabrication and Immersive Media
 Laboratories and learning spaces as well as cultural
 and civic engagement spaces e.g., Moot Court and
 Foulston Room (The Box)
- Skills and Workforce Development
 - Extensive range of undergrad, postgrad, degree apprenticeships, CPD and bootcamps

Our City-wide Projects Relevant to this Pillar – Nina Sarlaka



- 16 Projects across 3 Investable Themes (Defence Sector and Devonport, The Waterfront and Maritime and The North of the City)
- Wide stakeholder leadership of projects
- Various stages of development/execution
- Governance and monitoring kick off meeting later this month

The Projects (I)



Investable Theme	Project Area	Project Name	Lead Organisation
Defence Sector and Devonport	Oceansgate, Innovation and Business Support	Supporting local supply chain initiatives	Devon Chamber
		Building the Oceansgate Innovation Barns	Plymouth City Council
		Supporting the SW Defence and Security Cluster	Plymouth City Council
		MOD - Establishing the Maritime Autonomous System Centre of Excellence	Ministry of Defence
		Strengthening the interface between business and research	University of Plymouth
		Developing the skills work with Babcock and the MoD	City College Plymouth

The Projects (2)



The Waterfront and Maritime	PASD Freeport	Supporting and maximising the impact of PASD Freeport	PASD Freeport
	Autonomy and Innovation	UoP Establishing an Advanced Marine Technology Hub (AMTecHub)	University of Plymouth
		Growing Smart Sound Plymouth	Plymouth Marine Laboratory
		Supporting and engaging with Maritime UK SW	Maritime UK SW
		Creating an Innovation Taskforce	University of Plymouth

The Projects (2)



The North of the City	Health-tech, Life Science and Healthcare Sectors	Growing the health-tech, life science and healthcare sectors	Plymouth Science Park
	UHP NHS Trust Supply Chains	Strengthening supply chains for UHP NHS Trust	UHP NHS Trust
	Manufacturing Sector	Supporting our manufacturing sector (citywide)	Plymouth Manufacturer's Group
	Tech Sector	Supporting our tech sector (city-wide)	Plymouth Culture
	Start-ups and Entrepreneurs	Supporting our start-ups and entrepreneurs (city-wide)	Plymouth City Council

Call to action



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