

# **Productive Growth and High Value Jobs Pillar – Scrutiny Update 9.7.2025**



# 1 of 4 Pillars in our Economic Strategy



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



# Our Universities – Prof. Richard Davies



Our value  
proposition  
to the city  
and region

- 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** - bi-lateral 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
<b>Defence Sector and Devonport</b>	<b>Oceansgate, Innovation and Business Support</b>	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)



<b>The Waterfront and Maritime</b>	<b>PASD Freeport</b>	Supporting and maximising the impact of PASD Freeport	PASD Freeport
	<b>Autonomy and Innovation</b>	UoP Establishing an Advanced Marine Technology Hub (AMTechHub)	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)



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



# Call to action



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