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PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL AND HMNB DEVONPORT PARTNERING AGREEMENT - XX XXXXX 2014

The Royal Navy (RN) is committed to enhancing its visibility and image, key elements of which are engagement with local communities and the associated outreach programmes. The RN has always enjoyed a very special relationship with the City of Plymouth and against a backdrop of renewed certainty relishes the opportunity to make a unique contribution to Britain's Ocean City – the relationship being formalised by the recent refresh of the Freedom of the City. This agreement serves to provide an enduring framework to formalise the respective roles of the RN and Plymouth City Council (PCC). In context, wider outreach in the South West is led by Flag Officer Sea training (FOST) with Plymouth City engagement led by the Naval Base Commander (Devonport) (NBC) - NBC is supported in this role by the Commodore Devonport Flotilla (CDF).

1. Her Majesty's Naval Base Devonport is the largest base in Western Europe. The base employs 2,500 service personnel and civilians, supports around 400 local firms and generates around ten per cent of Plymouth's income. Therefore the RN continues to be an important part of Plymouth's identity and is committed to making a significant contribution to City's civic, economic, heritage and cultural success, in support of which the Naval Base will look to support the following:
 - a. Key Civic functions, including but not limited to Lord Mayoral Choosing, Remembrance Services and significant Plymouth Commemorations;
 - b. Military focussed events including Armed Forces Day;
 - c. Armed Forces Covenant Activity;
 - d. Wider focussed events such as Heritage Week, Maritime Festivals and the History Festival;
 - e. Engagement with local community, particularly working with local communities adjacent to the Naval Base, as part of a defined engagement with schools and colleges, youth groups, charities, veteran communities and sports teams;
 - f. Maintain and support access to the Devonport Heritage collection and Courageous;
 - g. Support engagement with Royal Navy Charities and Veterans;
 - i. Closer ties between Devonport based Ships and Submarines (led by CDF);
 - h. Wherever possible provide volunteers to support community activity.
2. PCC is committed to engaging fully with the RN and in making the most of the unique relationship and in doing so will:
 - a. Provide timely requests for support recognising the significant resource constraints within the Naval Base;
 - b. Support HMNB Devonport in achieving its outreach programme and in particular work closely to safeguard and exploit the Heritage Collection (in the context of City Deal and the Museum Extension)
 - c. Look to support the RN message;
 - d. Engage with and where possible support the RN at a strategic level.
3. Strategically, the NBC will be a member of the PABC Executive, the Plymouth City Stakeholder Group, the Devonport Task Group, the Mayflower 2020 Leadership Group and Plymouth Guiding Partnership – One Plymouth.
4. The nominated leads for this Partnership Agreement, Captain of the Base and PCC lead role, will meet on a termly basis to review the agreement and the rolling annual plan.

5. The NBC will meet with the Chief Executive PCC on a six-monthly basis to review the agreement and discuss progress of the activity plan.

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