

Working title: The Port

Actual Title: tbc - to reflect concentration on the future development and challenges for Portsmouth's Commercial Port

Scope of review:

The review will look at the strategic importance of the Portsmouth International Port to Portsmouth, the SE Hants region and nationally, and its future growth through the following objectives:

1. To consider business development, including cruise market ambitions, linking in to PCC's tourism and marketing strategies and developments to attract new business.
2. To examine the importance of the Port for local employment opportunities, as well as the necessary skills base and succession planning required.
3. To investigate the challenges and opportunities of the European trading negotiations
(NB 60% of business is with Europe and 40% the rest of the world)
4. To consider the security arrangements so as to reduce the risk to unaccompanied minors; and if located at Portsmouth Port to ensure there is a timely response to secure their safety.
(This will include the safe return of young people assessed as adults).
5. To hear of the recent and future investment plans for the Commercial Port and the funding implications for the City Council, including the consideration of sustainability within building projects.

However, due to the business sensitivities and confidential nature of some areas of responsibility for the Commercial Port, there will be some information which will not be covered by this review (such as the business affairs of MMD, and some of the detailed information on future plans which will be of advantage to competitors).

Possible witnesses:

Mike Sellers, Port Director (most meetings)

Tristan Samuels, Director of Regeneration

Rupert Taylor, Harbour Master

John Feltham, Port Systems and Compliance Manager

Richard Lee, Regulatory Services Manager (including importation compliance)

Ian Palacio, (new) Business Development Manager at the Port

Sarah Newman re unaccompanied children, to explain role of Children's Social Care and the Home Office

Jane Singh, Visitor Services and Development Manager (Tourism)

Brittany Ferries and/or other ferry representatives

Timing:

Where possible early morning meetings.

A site visit as an informal meeting due to security issues

1st public meeting to give an overview and set out responsibilities e.g. Marine Safety Code and lines of reporting.

Background info for the panel - is the Business Plan available?