

## **Welcome**

### **Message from the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive Officer**

We're looking for an experienced, commercially astute Director to drive Portsmouth's ambitious regeneration and growth agenda.

We need an inspirational leader to encourage and motivate staff across a range of professions, stakeholders and partners to deliver Portsmouth's £1bn plus growth plans.

Portsmouth is the country's only island city with a wonderful harbour and coastline. The City Council own and run the International Port and the M275 which runs into the centre of the city. Our plans include the re-alignment and extension of this road link, as well as working closely with our partners across the Solent to secure improvements to road and rail links to London and the airports as well as east-west along the coast.

We have built a strong reputation for successfully hosting national and international events, including the Great South Run, Victorious music festival, Wiggle triathlon and Pearl Izumi cycling. Ben Ainslie Racing selected Portsmouth as the home of Land Rover BAR, the UK bid to bring the America's Cup home and in 2015 and 2016 Portsmouth hosted the America's Cup World Series yacht racing to huge crowds on the shore and water and massive global TV audiences. The City wants to build on this repertoire of events and will use the opportunity of the £100m investment in sea defences to improve its natural amphitheatre.

Portsmouth University now welcomes over 20,000 students each year and has an excellent and growing reputation and is a key partner with extensive plans to enhance its own city centre estate as well as engaging with the council and businesses such as the Portsmouth University Technical College, which opens this September. The UTC has specialisms in advanced manufacturing and engineering, and key business sponsors in BAE Systems, QinetiQ, Royal Navy and Land Rover BAR. Complementing and supporting key sectors such as marine and maritime, advanced systems communications and new materials including carbon.

The Council adopts an entrepreneurial approach and has a property portfolio valued in excess of £1bn, with a £180m Property Investment Fund. This fund is made up of assets from a variety of sectors across the UK, including a Waitrose in Somerset, and Mercedes Benz dealership in Eastleigh and an estate of trade units in Leeds. The purpose of the Fund is to generate income to support services and investment in Portsmouth. We share and sell our services to a wide variety of other councils and organisations, including providing the senior management to Gosport Borough Council.

The role of Director of Regeneration is fundamental to our aspiration to further develop our great waterfront city and we're looking for a first class candidate to join us - please make contact if it's you!



Councillor Donna Jones,  
Leader of the Council and  
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Chief Executive Officer