

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CABINET		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	HMS ARTFUL		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	25 OCTOBER 2010		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL		
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**STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

None.

**SUMMARY**

With the de-commissioning of HMS Southampton, the Naval Regional Commander has written to invite the Council to enter into an affiliation with HMS Artful. There has been a long standing association between the City and the Royal Navy and the affiliation gives the City an opportunity to meet with the Royal Navy, for schools to visit the ship and permits the crew to visit the City during periods of relaxation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (i) To approve the City Council entering into an affiliation with HMS Artful.

**REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. This report is presented as a general exception item in accordance with paragraph 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of Part 4 of the Council's Constitution. This has not been included in the publication of the City Council's Forward Plan due to the need to take soundings and fulfil protocol requirements prior to public announcements being made by the Royal Navy.
2. The Council has been requested whether it wishes to enter into an affiliation with HMS Artful. Letter from the Ministry of Defence dated 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

**CONSULTATION**

3. This issue has been discussed extensively with all 3 political groups represented on the Council, who are supportive of this approach.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

4. Not to enter into an affiliation with HMS Artful.

**DETAIL**

5. Following discussions with the Royal Navy, a letter has been received from Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope GCB OBE ADC Royal Navy inviting the Council to formally affiliate itself with one of the Navy's ASTUTE class submarines, HMS Artful.
6. The Royal Navy have thanked the City Council for the support and friendship shown to the ship and her sailors. As a mark of their appreciation, the Royal

Navy has lodged the bell, battle honours board and nameplates with the City.

7. The Royal Navy has expressed its wish for the close links forged with the ship to not disappear simply because the ship bearing the City's name is no longer in service. The Navy has therefore, expressed a desire to maintain the productive relationship with the City through an affiliation with one of the coming generation of navy vessels.
8. The Navy Board Policy is that future vessels will not bear the names which have geographical focus and thus there will not be a future HMS Southampton.
9. The Royal Navy are therefore requesting that following the decommissioning of HMS Southampton an affiliation be entered into with HMS Artful.
10. HMS Artful is an ASTUTE class submarine and is currently being built at Burrow-in-Furness and is due to commence sea trials in 2011.

## **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Capital**

11. None.

### **Revenue**

12. None.

### **Property**

13. None.

### **Other**

14. None.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:**

15. Section 111 Local Government Act 1972.

### **Other Legal Implications:**

16. None.

## **POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

17. None.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line**

**Appendices**

1.	Letter from the Ministry of Defence dated 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2010.
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**Documents In Members' Rooms**

1.	None
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**Background Documents**

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the  
Access to Information  
Procedure Rules / Schedule  
12A allowing document to be  
Exempt/Confidential (if  
applicable)

1.	None
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**KEY DECISION?**                      Yes

<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	All
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