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Statement of Intent Between Hampshire County Council and the National Museum of the Royal Navy Concerning Partnership Working and Ownership Transfer regarding the HMS *M33*

HMS *M33* is an M29-class monitor of the Royal Navy built in 1915. She saw active service in the Mediterranean during World War I and in Russia during the Allied Intervention in 1919. Her ownership passed to Hampshire County Council in the 1980s and as one of only two surviving Royal Navy World War I ships, she was restored and is now located in dry dock at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

Hampshire County Council (HCC) and the National Museum of the Royal Navy (NMRN) are in agreement that this vessel is an important and iconic ship in the nation's history, and would like to work together to bring the *M33* back into public use.

A joint working group has been established between the two organisations, chaired by the Executive Member of Culture and Recreation at HCC and consisting of the following representatives:

Councillor Keith Chapman (Chair) (HCC)
Councillor Peter Edgar (HCC)
Tim Schadla-Hall (Trustee, NMRN)
Ken Robinson (Trustee, NMRN)
Bill Alexander (Trustee, NMRN)
Captain Christopher Fagan (Chairman, Gallipoli Association)
Martyn Heighton (Chief Executive, National Historic Ships Register)
Dominic Tweddle (Director-General, NMRN)
Janet Owen (Head of Arts and Museums, HCC)

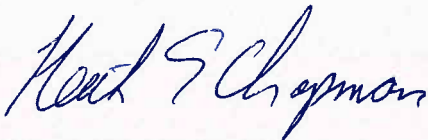
NMRN and HCC will commission a joint interpretation plan (costed) that adopts a phased approach to public access. A collaborative project team has been established with membership from both organisations to manage this project and support the preparation of an application to Heritage Lottery Fund for grant aid, and to other funding sources as appropriate.

Key milestones for this partnership working have been defined with the intention of delivering a significant improvement to public access during the Gallipoli Campaign commemoration period, 25 April 2015 – 9 January 2016 ('the proposed development project').

Within this wider framework of partnership working and the strategic ambition of the NMRN to care for the key ships in the nation's history, the NMRN is in principle willing to take over ownership of M33 from HCC subject to a mutually agreed element of HCC cash contribution. The current intention is to make arrangements for this transfer of ownership during the period of the proposed development project.

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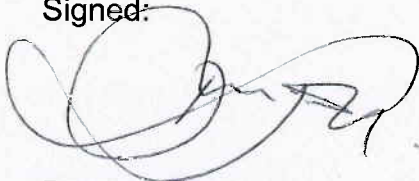


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