

HMS VICTORY (1744) Advisory Group – Terms of Reference

1. Introduction

1.1 By the Deed of Transfer dated 12 January 2012, the Secretary of State for Defence transferred to the Maritime Heritage Foundation the remains of HMS VICTORY, lost in 1744 and discovered in the English Channel in 2008.

1.2 The Deed provided for the creation of an Advisory Group, to provide advice on archaeological issues to both the Secretary of State and the Maritime Heritage Foundation.

2. Composition

2.1 The Advisory Group shall comprise a representative of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) who will act as Chairman, a representative of the National Museum of the Royal Navy (NMRN) and a representative of English Heritage (EH).

2.2 The Department for Culture, Media and Sport may provide an observer to the Advisory Group.

2.3 Maritime Heritage Foundation representatives may attend the Advisory Group.

2.4 A representative of Ministry of Defence (Navy Command) will act as Secretary.

2.5 The Advisory Group may from time to time co-opt other MOD, NMRN and EH staff and other subject matter experts as may be necessary to facilitate and ensure the efficient and effective conduct of its business.

3. Duties

3.1 The Advisory Group will provide advice to both the Maritime Heritage Foundation and the Secretary of State on the acceptability of any actions proposed by the Foundation in respect of anything transferred to the Foundation under the Deed of Transfer.

3.2 Noting that the approval of the Secretary of State is required for any proposed action by the Foundation that may disturb the site as a whole, the Advisory Group will also provide advice to both parties in regard to any proposals by the Foundation which may have an impact on the site.

3.3 The Advisory Group will specifically be required to advise the Secretary of State and the Maritime Heritage Foundation on the extent to which any actions proposed by the Maritime Heritage Foundation are consistent with the archaeological principles set out in Annex A to the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage.

3.4 Advice from the Group will be conveyed by a report by the Chairman.

4. Review of Terms of Reference

4.1 The Advisory Group shall evaluate its performance on a regular basis and periodically review, and where necessary amend, its terms of reference.

5. Frequency of Meetings

5.1 The Advisory Group shall meet as it deems necessary for the efficient conduct of business.

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