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Cattewater Harbour Commissioners (CHC) are the navigation and conservancy authority for the Cattewater Harbour, as well as the Civil Pilotage Authority for the Port of Plymouth. The Cattewater, a Trust Port, is home to deep-water commercial wharves, the South-West's largest petroleum depots, and various marine leisure facilities.

UK ports and harbours are currently entering a period of unprecedented change. With the drive for Carbon Net Zero, we have a responsibility to maximise logistical efficiency through all forms of transport, and shipping is at the forefront of that challenge. Plymouth has been awarded "Freeport Status" and sees the development of its marine economy as an important driver in its ambition for growth in local prosperity. In addition, it is fast becoming recognised as the centre of excellence for maritime autonomous development and is now home to the UK's very first National Marine Park, the careful and balanced development of which is crucial to the long-term viability of the port.

CHC look to recruit motivated and forward-thinking people to continue the successful operation and development of Plymouth's commercial and leisure maritime sectors.

What are we looking for?

An understanding of ports, their operations and challenges is desirable but not essential; it's of more importance that Commissioners collectively have a varied skill base to create an effective Board of proactive individuals. This will broadly range from Management, Financial, Business Strategy, Governance, Environment and Sustainability, Stakeholder Engagement, Leisure, Fishing and Health & Safety, Estate Management and Property Development, and applicants should be able to demonstrate expertise in at least one of these areas. Above all, we seek enthusiasm to embrace change and to explore new, diverse enterprises and income streams.

The role:

3 Year Term as a member of a non-executive Board, which involves attendance at 9 annual meetings, with the occasional need to represent the Commissioners at extra functions. Apart from an allowance for attending Board Meetings, the post is not remunerated and will commence in December 2025.

Candidates will be required to have input to Port Policy and Strategic Planning and be comfortable liaising with stakeholders ranging from MPs to Local Government to residents and Harbour users.

More information about the work of the Commissioners can be found on our website:

www.plymouthport.org.

To apply, please download the **Application Pack** from our website or either telephone 01752 665934 or e-mail info@plymouthport.org.uk. Your completed application should be returned with a covering letter and CV by no later than 1700 on Thursday 25th September 2025. It is anticipated that interviews will be held mid-October 2025.