

## **UAS SAFETY STATEMENT**

University of Portsmouth is committed to safety as the primary consideration whilst conducting Uncrewed Aircraft System (UAS) operations. The protection of employees, contractors and the general public is of paramount importance and as such, all operations will be conducted in a safe and responsible manner. University of Portsmouth embraces "just culture" and fosters an open, honest environment where employees are encouraged to voice any concerns over safety related issues so that they can be addressed immediately.

The operation of any UAS is carried out in accordance with, and abide by the requirements of the ANO2016 (as amended) and UAS Implementing Regulation 2019/947 (as retained in UK Law), the conditions of this Operations Manual, the relevant PDRA, insurance policy, and the Operational Authorisation issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). To ensure the safest operations are maintained, University of Portsmouth shall implement a safety ethos by:

Ensuring a safe working environment for all employees, contractors and the public;

Operate UAS in a safe and responsible manner, in accordance with the legislation and the conditions detailed in the Operational Authorisation;

Ensure that all personnel are suitably trained, current and competent to participate in operations;

Plan, assess and execute all operations in accordance with the procedures outlined within this Operations Manual;

Managing risk and implementing suitable mitigation where required;

Ensure personnel do not deviate from the procedures outlined within this Operations Manual unless acting in an emergency where the relevant Emergency Procedure must be followed;

Report any accident, serious incident, reportable occurrence or AIRPROX in a timely manner to the appropriate authority; Conduct equipment maintenance in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation;

Keep up-to-date with changes in legislation by means of the CAA website and SkyWise platform, ensuring this document remains compliant at all times.

University of Portsmouth, as the UAS operator hereby confirms that the intended operation(s) as described herein will comply with any applicable rules relating to it, in particular, with regard to privacy, data protection, liability, insurance, security and environmental protection.

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