

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting	River Hamble Harbour Management Committee
Date and Time	Friday, 22nd March, 2024 at 10.00 am
Place	Warsash Sailing Club, Shore House, Shore Road, Warsash, Southampton, SO31 9FS
Enquiries to	members.services@hants.gov.uk

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members who believe they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting must declare that interest and, having regard to Part 3 Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore all Members with a Personal Interest in a matter being considered at the meeting should consider, having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 4 of the Code, whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 of the Code, consider whether it is appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 December 2023.

4. DEPUTATIONS

To receive any deputations notified under Standing Order 12.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any announcements the Chairman may wish to make.

6. MARINE DIRECTOR AND HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT AND CURRENT ISSUES (Pages 9 - 18)

To record formally RHHA patrol operations and inform the Duty Holder of significant events and trends having a bearing on the Marine Safety Management System.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE (Pages 19 - 24)

To summarise activities relating to the River Hamble Harbour Authority's (RHHA) environmental management of the Hamble Estuary between December 2023 and February 2024.

8. ASSET REGISTER REVIEW (Pages 25 - 36)

To convey the condition of essential operational assets, indicate levels of associated maintenance expenditure and judge whether the Asset Replacement Reserve (ARR) is being maintained at an adequate level.

9. FORWARD PLAN (Pages 37 - 40)

To set out the key issues which it is anticipated will appear on the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee and Harbour Board agendas in the forthcoming months.

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Agenda Item 3

AT A MEETING of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee of
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at Victory Hall, Warsash on Friday, 8th
December, 2023

Chairman:

* Councillor Hugh Lumby

* Councillor Pal Hayre
Councillor Graham Burgess
* Councillor Mark Cooper
* Councillor Rod Cooper
* Councillor Barry Dunning
* Councillor Rupert Kyrle
* Councillor Alexis McEvoy

* Councillor Stephen Philpott
* Councillor Lance Quantrill
Councillor Pamela Bryant
* Councillor Steven Broomfield
Councillor Tonia Craig
Councillor Wayne Irish

*Present

Co-opted members

Councillor Vivian Achwal, Captain Steven Masters, Councillor Joanne Burton,
Councillor Steve Holes, Ben Lippiett and John Selby

92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Cllr Burgess with Cllr Broomfield deputising.

93. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman noted that there would be a presentation by Southern Water after the next meeting in March and that the item on the Terms of Reference was withdrawn.

He welcomed Ben Lippiett to his first meeting, representing boatyard and marina operators.

94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore, Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Personal interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

Interests were declared as follows:

Cllr R Taylor – Berth holder, RYA member
Cllrs Lumby, Dunning and Capt S Masters – RYA membership

95. **DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

96. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September were approved subject to the following amendments:

Cllr S Holes was present
Apologies for absence referred to Cllr M Cooper

97. **TERMS OF REFERENCE - UPDATE**

This item was withdrawn.

98. **MARINE DIRECTOR AND HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT AND CURRENT ISSUES**

The Committee received a report and supplementary update from the Director of Universal Services and presented by the Marine Director formally recording RHHA patrol operations and informing the Duty Holder of significant events and trends having a bearing on the Marine Safety Management System.

The ongoing Warsash bridge repair work was highlighted, re-sheath ten supporting piles. This work will extend the life of the Bridge by an estimated 50 years and negate the requirement for full and more expensive replacement at its forecast end of life in 2032.

RESOLVED that Committee supports the contents of this report to the Harbour Board.

99. **ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE**

The Committee received the report from the Director of Universal Services presented by the Environment Development Manager. The M27 bridge drainage was highlighted - the current position from Highways England was detailed. The concern remained that drainage from the bridge was direct into the river with no interception.

On the Solent Oyster Restoration Project, the Blue Marine Foundation is preparing the final cut of its film about the creation of the Solent's new native oyster beds. The film features the Hamble site and interviews with RHHA staff

and was expected to be available to view by Committee members by the time of its next meeting.

100. RIVER HAMBLE 2023-24 FORECAST OUTTURN AND 2024-25 BUDGET

The Committee received the report from the Director of Corporate Operations and Director of Universal Services presented by the Senior Finance Business Partner presenting the 2023/24 outturn forecast as at the end of September 2023 and the proposed 2024/25 forward budget.

There was a £29k surplus. In general, visitor income was up. Gross spending was £700k. The reported change in spending on environmental matters was a coding difference only. The report described the reserves position; the Asset Replacement Reserve was planned to be at £290.5k by 31 March 2025.

The operation of the customer payment system was explained by the Harbour Master. It was noted that forecast increases in costs were being factored in to the financial planning.

RESOLVED That

1. the projected outturn for the 2023/24 financial year is noted.
2. the proposed forward budget is supported by the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee and submitted to the River Hamble Harbour Board for approval.
3. the requirement to use the Revenue Reserve (RR) to ensure the full annual transfer to the Asset Replacement Reserve (ARR) can be made in both the current and forward year is noted.
4. the balances held within the reserves and the position on the reserve balances are noted.

101. REVIEW OF FEES & CHARGES

The Committee received a report from the Director of Universal Services presented by the Marine Director summarising a review of fees and charges applicable to the River Hamble. It was noted that the report did not cover Harbour Dues for privately owned leisure vessels, which have been reviewed separately and increased by 3%.

The Marine Director stated that the range of fees were competitive and attractive to users and also reflected the costs of service provision.

RECOMMENDED that the Harbour Board approval of the fees and charges set out below and to advertise them on the River Hamble Harbour Authority's website.

102. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee received and agreed the Forward Plan.

Chairman,

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	River Hamble Management Committee
Date:	22 March 2024
Title:	Marine Director and Harbour Master's Report and Current Issues
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

Contact name: Jason Scott

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to record formally RHHA patrol operations and inform the Duty Holder of significant events and trends having a bearing on the Marine Safety Management System.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee supports the contents of this report to the Harbour Board.

Executive Summary

3. This report summarises the incidents and events which have taken place in the Harbour and addresses any issues currently under consideration by the Harbour Master.

Contextual Information

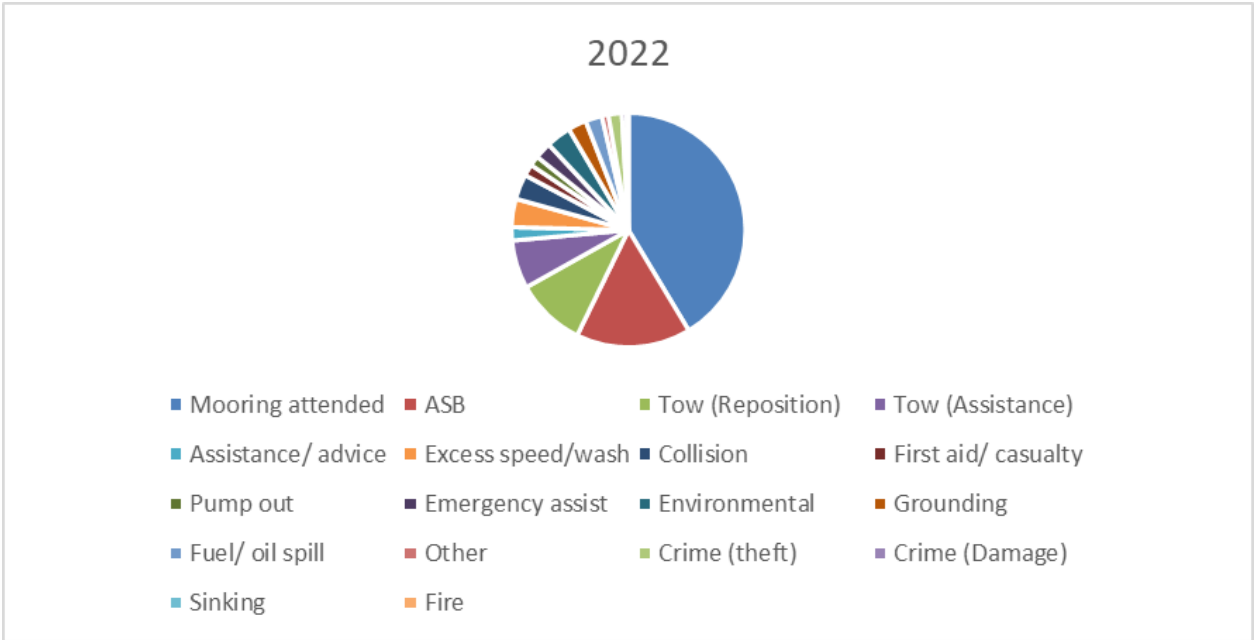
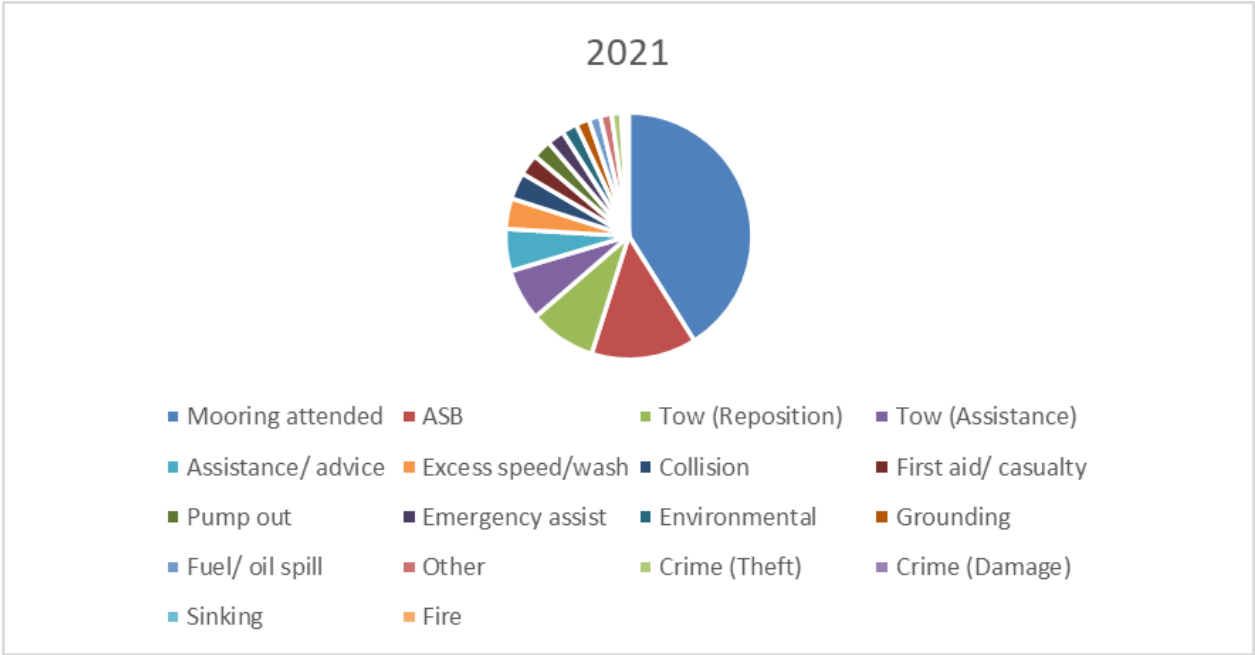
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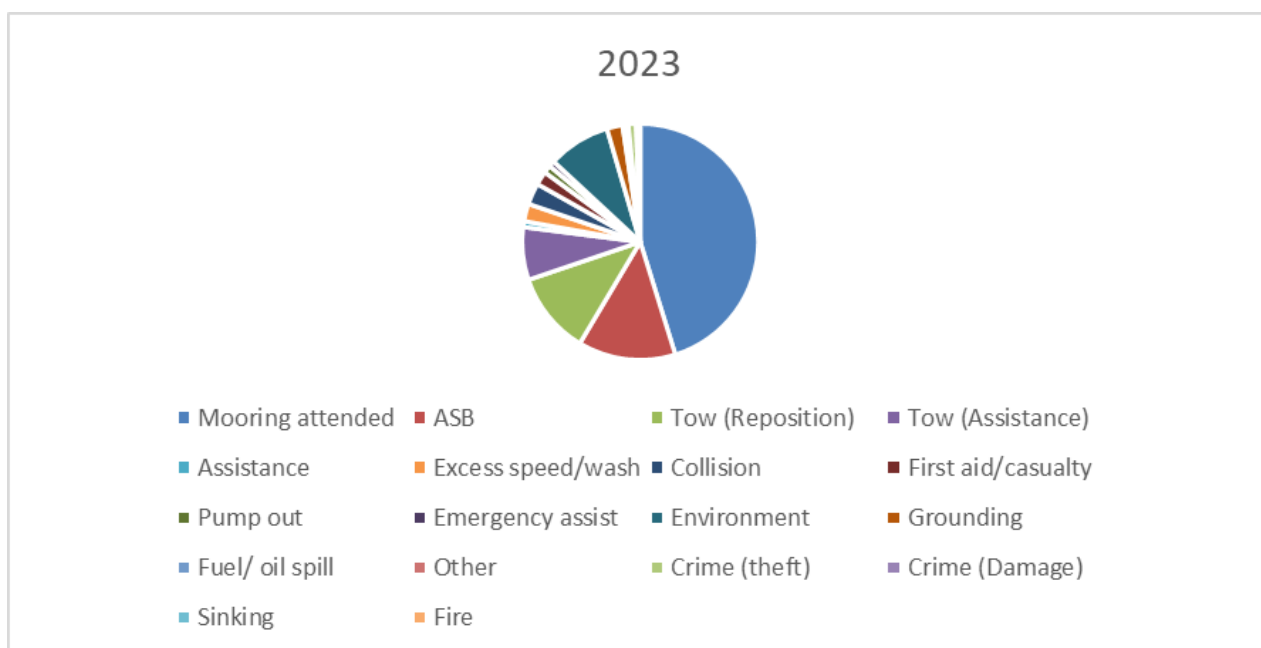
4. The Harbour has been patrolled by the Duty Harbour Master at various times between 0700 and 2230 daily. Mooring and pontoon checks have been conducted daily throughout the period.

Issues

5. **Trinity House Inspection of Aids to Navigation** – A routine inspection of Aids to Navigation within the River was conducted by an officer of Trinity House 4 March 2024. A verbal update will be given.
6. **Incidents and Trends** – Analysis of incidents and trends is continually managed and recorded within the Harbour Authority's Marine Safety Management System (MSMS). This informs modifications made to the MSMS and is audited independently by the Designated Person. Reflections on trends are published twice each year in the form of the Harbour Master's Safety Newsletters. Trends are also highlighted in our Annual Report published in June. I have previously indicated that incident types have not varied substantially over the past three years. Charts showing this are provided at Annex A to this report for information.

Charted Illustration of Incidents and Events





	2021	2022	2023
Mooring attended	164	180	169
ASB	55	69	50
Tow (Reposition)	35	42	42
Tow (Assistance)	27	29	27
Assistance/ advice	22	8	3
Excess speed/wash	16	17	9
Collision	14	15	11
First aid/ casualty	11	7	7
Pump out	10	6	4
Emergency assist	9	10	3
Environmental	8	15	32
Grounding	7	11	8
Fuel/ oil spill	6	10	2
Other	6	4	1
Crime (Theft)	5	8	4
Crime (Damage)	2	3	2
Sinking	1	1	0
Fire	1	0	0

Notes:

1. Similarly-coloured segment sizes relative to annual incident totals;
2. 2023 Environment figure increase because of two incidents and need to revisit sites.

Appendix 1 To Marine
Director Report

Incidents and Events

- 7.01 13 Jan. Support to Bird Aware bird survey. Liaison with Hamble Lifeboat. Liaison with a mid-stream mooring holder regarding failed chains.
- 7.02 14 Jan. Recovered several floating branches from the Main Channel South of the bridges.
- 7.03 15 Jan. Routine visit from UK Border Force. Assistance given to the skipper of a visiting yacht in picking up Maintenance Piles.
- 7.04 16 Jan. Liaison with Hampshire County Council Countryside staff at RHCP jetty. Liaison with new Hampshire Constabulary beat officer. Test and store of new oil spill Tier 1 booms.
- 7.05 17 Jan. Making up of towing bridles for patrol craft.
- 7.06 18 Jan. Enforcement of non-payment of Harbour Dues. Pump out of inundated tender at Warsash.
- 7.07 19 Jan. Exchange of Aid to Navigation at Warsash. Routine liaison with a River boatyard.
- 7.08 20 Jan. Inspection of vessels moored on the Visitors' Pontoon before forecast strong winds. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Light Audit. Assistance given to a yacht fouled on her pontoon.
- 7.09 21 Sep. Poor weather and strong winds (SW 8/9). Light traffic. Liaison with Crown Estate mooring contractor and owners of two mid-stream moored yachts with defective pile iron.
- 7.10 22 Jan. Improving weather following strong winds. Re-secured parted stern lines on two mid-stream moored yachts. Liaison with owners. Recovered a set of steps from the Fareham bank North of the Pink Ferry. Re-secured a yacht with slack mooring lines.
- 7.11 23 Jan. Light traffic. Checked a mid-stream moored yacht on behalf of her owner. Liaison with marinas. Checked installation of replacement aids to navigation within a marina – all correct. Check and pump-out of inundated tenders at Warsash and Hamble. Health and Safety review of tools against noise and vibration thresholds.
- 7.12 24 Jan. Light traffic – liaison with Marinas and Yards regarding Harbour Dues badges. Liaison with a private mooring contractor regarding an inundated small yacht.

- 7.13 25 Jan. Assistance given to a yacht reporting gearbox defect. Commercial make-up of mooring lines.
- 7.14 26 Jan. Liaison with Southampton Patrol regarding a recovered navigation mark. Mark believed to have come from outside Southampton HM jurisdiction.
- 7.15 27 Jan. Liaison with the owner of a mid-stream moored yacht reporting a break-in. Commercial tow of a yacht from her mooring to the Visitors' Pontoon. Recovered a section of tree from the Main Channel to Warsash for disposal.
- 7.16 28 Jan. Maintenance of aids to navigation. Liaison with Hamble Lifeboat.
- 7.17. 29 Jan. Joint training with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Maintenance of black water pump-out facility.
- 7.18 30 Jan. Marina and boatyard liaison. Investigation into an apparent collision with Pile F50 (Port hand daymark) North of Hamble.
- 7.19 31 Jan. Routine liaison with Hamble Lifeboat. Inspection of vessels moored off Lincegrove and Hacketts' Marshes and Lands End following reports of break-ins. Follow-up call with one owner.
- 7.20 01 Feb. Liaison with a Boatyard reporting a spate of fuel theft. Commercial tow of a yacht from lift to her proper mooring.
- 7.21 02 Feb. Liaison with a sailing school regarding use of the Visitors' Pontoon. Preparations for the Crown Estate pile replacement programme.
- 7.22 03 Feb. Commercial make-up of mooring lines. Light traffic.
- 7.23 04 Feb. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Light traffic.
- 7.24 05 Feb. Boat coding work. Liaison with Hampshire Marine Police Unit. Commercial make-up and replacement of lines.
- 7.25 06 Feb. Delivery of Harbour Dues stickers to Marinas and Boatyards. Assistance given in righting an upturned dinghy off Warsash.
- 7.26 07 Feb. Following report from a canoeist, attended a small yacht on a club berth, low in the water. Liaison with the club to contact the owner and follow-up. Light traffic.
- 7.27 08 Feb. Warsash slipway re-grading. First Aid checks. Recovery of two large branches from the Main Channel for disposal.
- 7.28 09 Feb. Warsash slipway clearance following high spring tides.
- 7.29 10 Feb. recovery of railway sleeper from a slipway to Warsash HM yard for disposal. Support to Bird Aware bird count. Assistance given to a broken-down motor launch. Pump out of small yacht with blocked scuppers.
- 7.30 11 Feb. Recovered a large branch from the Main Channel off Hamble. Towed a motor vessel with propulsion failure to her proper mooring. High speed patrol craft run in Southampton water.

- 7.31 12 Feb. Liaison with the Crown Estate mooring contractor. Assistance given to a yacht which had run over and become fast on a mooring picking-up rope on a string ebb tide in fading light.
- 7.32 13 Feb. Light traffic.
- 7.33 14 Feb. Light traffic.
- 7.34 15 Feb. Preparations for the arrival of a visiting tall ship. Visitors' pontoon bolt maintenance. Inspection of an inflated mooring buoy – found to be punctured. Liaison with owner to repair/replace.
- 7.35 16 Feb. Advice given to a school yacht on training restrictions. Speed trials in Southampton Water.
- 7.36 17 Feb. Investigated a localised sheen of diesel over a small area near the Chinese Bridge. Dispersed with jet wash.
- 7.37 18 Feb. Inspection of No 8 Mark. Correct. Light traffic.
- 7.38 19 Feb. Board Chairman familiarisation with new patrol craft – Southampton Water. Commercial making- up of new lines.
- 7.39 20 Feb. Inspection of a pontoon reported as having a parted mooring chain. All chains inspected and found to be in need of replacement. Liaison with the owner regarding condition and certification of chains. As well as with the Crown Estate Mooring Contractor.
- 7.40 21 Feb. Patrol to Horse and Jockey. Inspection of Upper River Aids to Navigation.
- 7.41 22 Feb. Boat coding work. Light traffic in heavy rain.
- 7.42 23 Feb. Support to Hampshire Police in search for a person of interest.
- 7.43 24 Feb. Further support to Hampshire Police. Specific pile line check on behalf of the Moorings Officer. Attended a yacht apparently sitting low in the water. Small amount of cockpit water. Liaison with owner. Stood by a large yacht on passage up river.
- 7.44 25 Feb. Light traffic – Continuous pontoon measurement on behalf of the Moorings Officer.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:
Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
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2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

An EIA is not required as no negative impacts are anticipated.

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	River Hamble Management Committee
Date:	22 March 2024
Title:	Environmental Update
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to summarise activities relating to the River Hamble Harbour Authority's (RHHA) environmental management of the Hamble Estuary between December 2023 and February 2024.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that the River Hamble Management Committee:
 - (i) notes and supports the remainder of this report.

Updates

3. Oil Spill Preparedness and Response

To enhance its Tier 1 oil spill response capability, RHHA has three new 15 metre Harbour booms. These are boxed, portable by hand, easy to deploy, can be connected together, and allow for an improved rapid response to either a slick that is afloat or to surround a sinking vessel.

4. Water Quality

The discharge of sewage into waterbodies remains a topic of national and multi-organisational interest. RHHA is directly involved in several initiatives relating to reducing boat-derived sewage input, but RHHA is also increasingly approached about land-derived sewage discharges - a matter in which RHHA has limited jurisdiction. RHHA continues to advise customers and members of the public as to the Environment Agency and Southern Water's appropriate reporting

mechanisms for incidents, and on where to obtain data sets relating to discharge points, duration events and external water quality monitoring data.

5. Invasive Non-Native Marine Species (INNS)

RHHA has input into the development of a Biosecurity Action Plan for Southampton Water/Hamble. The spread of INNS is an issue in both marine and inland waters around the UK. INNS have ecological, social and economic impacts because they compete with native species, introduce diseases, can disrupt boating by restricting navigation, blocking intakes/outlets and increase bio-fouling. In addition, by being caught in water sport's equipment they can unintentionally be transported to new areas. The purpose of these plans is to set out clear, achievable actions that operators and participants can use to help improve biosecurity management in the Solent and minimise the risk of marine invasive spread. RHHA and the Royal Yachting Association have collaborated to include some information in this year's publication of the River Hamble Handbook and Directory on species identification and reporting, and prevention measures including following the RYA's 'Check, Clean, Dry' approach.

More at http://www.solentforum.org/publications/solent_biosecurity_plans/

6. Hamble Estuary Partnership

RHHA hosted a meeting of the HEP on 27 February, with over 20 different organisations in attendance. Each partner gave individual short updates on their own work. Specific longer presentations were also given on the following topics:

- Clean Solent Shores and Seas – This project is a framework to 'collate and share' water quality resources and initiatives, to help improve awareness and influence best practice and behaviour in the Solent. http://solentforum.org/services/Information_Hubs/css/
- Solent Coast & Marine Local Nature Recovery Strategy.
- Biosecurity Planning - marine invasive non-native species.
- Update on Hamble's native oyster restoration reef and screening of the film.
- The Seagrass restoration project in the Solent's harbours and estuaries.

See <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/hambleharbour/environment/projects-partnerships> for minutes and presentations.

7. Solent Oyster Restoration Project

The Solent Seascape Project/Blue Marine Foundation have now released short film about the creation of the Solent's new native oyster bed in the Hamble. The film features interviews with RHHA officers and beautifully shot footage of the estuary. Watch at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tx3B0iZTL0>

8. Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

RHHA attended the Solent Coast and Marine LNRS workshop on 16th January. It was coordinated and delivered by the Solent Forum in association with

Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight Council, the Environment Agency, Natural England, and the Solent Seascope project. 60 attendees represented the Solent's industry, government agencies, MOD, local authorities, harbour authorities, fisheries, charities, and NGOs. The findings of the workshop will now be taken forward for preparing the first draft LNRS.

Introduced by the Environment Act 2021, LNRS are a new system of plans for nature recovery covering the whole of England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-nature-recovery-strategies/local-nature-recovery-strategies>

Responsible Authorities have been appointed by Defra to develop LNRS, and this includes Hampshire County Council (responsible for Hampshire including Southampton and Portsmouth). The first LNRS will be produced during 2024. It will initially focus on land (including the intertidal) however the responsible authorities wish to include the whole Solent to ensure that marine nature recovery is embedded into the strategy.

The workshop report and future updates can be found at: [Solent Forum - Local Nature Recovery Strategies: A Focus on the Solent](#).

Members of the public are also being encouraged to have a say on the Hampshire LNRS via a survey at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/nature-recovery-hampshire/get-involved>

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Climate Change Impact Assessment

1. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience impacts of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.

2. Climate Change Adaptation. A full assessment of climate change vulnerability was not completed as no decision is required in respect of this report.

3. Carbon Mitigation. A full assessment of carbon mitigation vulnerability was not completed as no decision is required in respect of this report.

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee	River Hamble Management Committee
Date:	22 March 2024
Title:	River Hamble Asset Register Review
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this annual report is to convey the condition of essential operational assets, indicate levels of associated maintenance expenditure and judge whether the Asset Replacement Reserve (ARR) is being maintained at an adequate level.

Recommendation

2. The River Hamble Management Committee proposes that the River Hamble Harbour Board approves:
 - a. That this report be taken into account alongside the annual statutory accounts in setting Harbour Dues for 2024/25 at the June Board meeting;
 - b. The contribution from Revenue to the Replacement Reserve should remain as planned at £42,000 in 2024/25 and continued note be taken of the need for frequency and amount of potential future increases.

Summary

3. The increase two years ago in the contribution from Revenue to the Asset Replacement Reserve (ARR) to £42,000 continues to match our needs for the moment and there is no requirement to bring forward our planned 2027 increase in the contribution made.
4. This increase enabled the establishment of a minimum holding policy of £100,000 to mitigate against current or future market uncertainty. General inflationary pressures remain a focus of attention. Official forecasts predict that general levels of inflation will fall, albeit more slowly over the remainder of this year. It should be noted that those general inflation levels do not apply universally, particularly in some niche markets such as the provision of marine services and equipment. Here, unevenly, manufacturing and material costs continue to rise at higher rates. However, our lowest-forecast ARR position, now in 2035, has improved this year because of better-than-predicted sales of old patrol craft and the medium-term effect of commissioning early repair works on our bridge at Warsash. Notwithstanding this improvement,

increases in our contribution will continue to be required at intervals previously indicated.

Background

5. The Asset Replacement Reserve ensures that essential items of operational infrastructure are sustained in the economical manner required under the Harbours Act of 1964 and the Port Marine Safety Code. Examples are Aids to Navigation, jetties providing both safety access to the water and income generation and also operational patrol capability in the form of vessels. The ARR is a working reserve and is in constant use. The graph at the annex shows the cyclical nature of asset replacement. Setting the correct level of the ARR contribution has a bearing on the level of Harbour Dues.
6. Assets in scope are listed in the annex in tabular format and an indication of the current estimated infrastructure replacement dates and costs is given. Most operational assets are made up of component parts which wear at different rates. The rate of wear is dependent on factors such as age, usage, exposure to the weather or damage owing to a disruptive event. Our surveys of their condition and the expected spend over time to maintain and replace these assets underpins the graphical presentation at the annex. There are no unexpected changes since last year's assessments. The graphical presentation demonstrates the proximity of our actual and forecast spending in relation to our cumulative contributions to the Reserve. In addition to showing the cyclical nature of this work, it also provides an indication of how the Reserve is predicted to perform against our minimum holding policy.
7. Prudent investments last year have had a positive effect on both the Reserve and revenue expenditure. Our new long-life patrol craft have delivered fuel and lift-out economies as expected and removed the requirement for regular petrol outboard engine replacement. Early, relatively economical investment in the Warsash Bridge support piles has also extended the life of that structure. The sale of our old patrol craft for slightly more than anticipated has also had a positive effect on our Reserve balance.
8. Inflationary pressures on materials and manufacturing continue to offset that positive effect. Planned one-off expenditure on essential equipment for our patrol craft has also contributed slightly to that offset. The net result is that the ARR's minimum condition is predicted to be £161k, reached in 2037.
9. This improved position is to be cautiously welcomed. Previous reports have advertised the requirement to be ready in 2027 and again in 2032 to make upward adjustments in the contribution from revenue to make good the Board's minimum holding policy. Notwithstanding the improved position this year, preparation for those increases is necessary for two reasons. First, because of continued inflationary uncertainty and the impact in absolute terms of increased costs. Secondly, that in time, recommendations will need to be made to the Board to increase its minimum holding policy at some stage to keep pace with these increased costs. It is therefore recommended that the Harbour Board continues to endorse that current validity of the plan set out last year and that River Users note that increases will remain necessary in

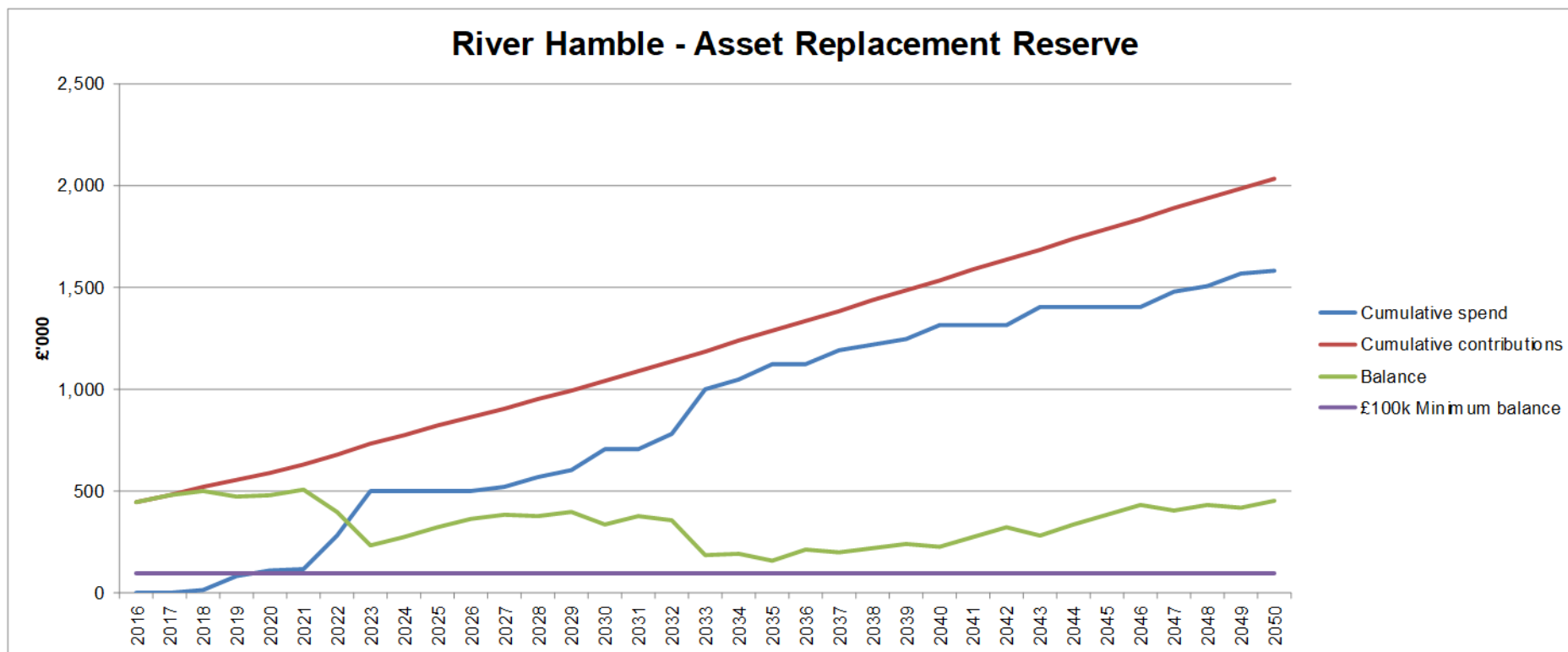
2027 and, at this stage 2032. The agility of our annual review process will allow earlier intervention if necessary.

Asset (* Composite Structure)	Year of purchase	Purchase cost £	Initial life expectancy of whole structure (years)	Forecast lifespan of whole structure ¹	Annual Depreciation charge £	Replacement Cost of whole structure ² £
Marks, beacons, lights, piles & buoys						
Cardinal mark at river entrance – piling only	2000	3,000	30	2030	100	6,500
Superstructure and cardinal top mark	2000	1,000	20	2020	0	1,700
9 beacons at river entrance, plastic piling	2000	30,000	30	2030	1,000	39,000
Sector lights – Hamble Point / Warsash superstructure	1997	30,000	30	2027	1,000	40,000
2 sector lights	2006	12,000	15	2021	0	12,000
5 port & starboard navigation marks / piles	1977	20,000	45	2022	0	28,000
Maintenance piles – Warsash	2002	33,000	30	2032	1,100	20,000
Maintenance piles – Hamble	1989	15,000	30	2019	0	10,000
Maintenance piles – Lands End	1988	15,000	30	2018	0	10,000
5 navigation buoys	2006	16,000	20	2026	800	18,000
Navigation lights at harbour entrance	2015	5,068	10	2025	507	6,000
Tide Gauges	2019	1,500	15	2034	100	1,500
River Signage for various structures	2018	1,000	10	2028	100	1,000
Total		182,568			4,707	193,700

Bridges, walkways, jetties						
Bridge to Hamble jetty	1988	40,000	40	2028	1,000	80,000
Bridge to Warsash jetty	1990	40,000	40	2030	1,000	80,000
Walkway to Warsash jetty	1982	50,000	50	2032	1,000	80,000
10 support piles for Warsash walkway	1982	36,000	50	2032	720	90,000
*Warsash jetty – piling, pontoons, services, lighting etc	2006	170,000	35	2041	4,857	105,000
Warsash connecting pontoon	2016	55,000	35	2051	1,571	57,000
*Hamble jetty – piling, pontoons, services, lighting etc	1991	140,000	35	2026	4,000	105,000
*Fisherman's pontoon / jetty	2006	48,000	20	2026	2,400	57,000
*Visitors' pontoon and piles	2000	60,000	25	2025	2,400	65,000
*River Hamble Country Park Jetty	2014	55,000	25	2039	2,200	25,000
Total		694,000			21,149	744,000
Boats						
Patrol Boat RBC 900 WJ 315	2023	173,000	40	2063	4,325	173,000
Patrol Boat RBB 700 WJ 195	2023	88,000	40	2063	2,200	88,000
Patrol Boat RBB 700 WJ 195	2023	90,000	40	2063	2,250	90,000
Total		351,000			8,775	351,000
Other						
Replacement Harbour Management System	2019	45,000	10	2029	4,500	30,000
Pump Out System	2021	10,000	7	2028	1,429	10,000
Weather Station	2023	1,000	10	2033	100	1,000
Total		56,000			6,029	41,000

Further Notes.

1. Life end forecast at build. Applies less to composite structures, elements of which are programmed to be replaced on a rolling basis, dependent on husbandry and condition. Replacement costs forecast for Warsash and Hamble Jetties relate to certain piles only, some being more recent than the original construction.
2. This is the total replacement cost based on current price estimate. Some assets are composite structures. For these, different components will be replaced at different times, depending on their condition. This enables payments to be spread more effectively and optimise asset availability. In some cases such as lights, technological developments have made replacement more economical in relative terms.
3. Annual depreciation figures may differ to those calculated for the statutory accounts. This is mainly due to adjustments being made to the lifespan of assets and therefore reflected in the depreciation calculations for the statutory accounts.



Amount you would need to vary the ARR contribution by to break even at Year 50 £0 decrease
Maximum gap in average ARR contribution £34
i.e. how much the annual ARR contribution would need to be increased to ensure the reserve never goes into deficit in the period to 2050
Contribution excludes interest earned on balance of reserves

Climate Change and Carbon Mitigation Impact Assessment

6. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience impacts of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.

Climate Change Adaptation. A full assessment of climate change vulnerability was not completed as no decision is required in respect of this report.

Carbon Mitigation. A full assessment of carbon mitigation vulnerability was not completed as no decision is required in respect of this report.

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2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

A full Equalities Impact Assessment for the River Hamble Harbour Authority's compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code (including environmental responsibilities) has been carried out. This report includes an Equalities Impact Assessment within the draft Strategic Plan.

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	River Hamble Management Committee
Date:	22 March 2024
Title:	Forward Plan for Future Meetings
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

Contact name: Jason Scott

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to set out the key issues which it is anticipated will appear on the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee and Harbour Board agendas in the forthcoming months. The Forward Plan is attached at Appendix 1.

Recommendation

2. That the report be noted.

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Other Significant Links

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An EIA is not required as no negative impacts are anticipated.

Management Committee Date	Agenda Item	Harbour Board Date
22 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Director and Harbour Master's Report and Current Issues • Environmental Update • Harbour Works Consent (if applicable) • Asset Register Review • Forward Plan for Future Meetings 	12 April 2024
14 June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Director and Harbour Master's Report and Current Issues • Environmental Update • Harbour Works Consent (if applicable) • River Hamble Final Accounts 2023/24 • Review of Harbour Dues • Proceedings of the Annual Forum • Forward Plan for Future Meetings • Annual Familiarisation Boat Trip 	5 July 2024
20 September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Director and Harbour Master's Report and Current Issues • Environmental Update • Harbour Works Consent (if applicable) • Forward Plan for Future Meetings 	4 October 2024