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AT A MEETING of the River Hamble Harbour Board of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY
COUNCIL held at Warsash Sailing Club on Friday, 15th November, 2019

Chairman:
p. Councillor Keith Evans

p. Councillor Peter Latham
a. Councillor Keith House
p. David Jobson
p. Nikki Hiorns
p. Chris Moody
p. Jason Scott

98. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Keith House.

99. **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 Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 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. David Jobson declared personal interests including memberships of the Royal Southern Yacht Club; RAF Yacht Club; Royal Yachting Association and as a midstream mooring holder. Chris Moody declared a personal interest as a member of Warsash Sailing Club.

100. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

101. **DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

102. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

103. MARINE DIRECTOR AND HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT AND CURRENT ISSUES

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services regarding incidents and events in the Harbour.

An addendum was distributed at the meeting which outlined those events which had occurred since the publication of the papers.

The Board noted the graphs at section 5 of the report showing the pattern of incidents and events for the years 2017 and 2018. It was confirmed that routine patrols were not incorporated in the graph. It was also confirmed that the graphs represented the frequency of incidents and not the time spent on each occurrence.

Discussion was held regarding the Hamble Lifeboat shower facility as outlined at section 8 of the report. The Board were clear that the maintenance and upkeep of the showers, including health and safety monitoring, should be the responsibility of Hamble Parish Council (HPC) and that these matters was not relevant to the Harbour Authority as a grant contributor. Members agreed that the Board's expectations upon awarding the grant had not been met. The Chairman noted that he would meet with Legal Services to clarify if there were any legal implications with relation to

a) on-going Harbour Board responsibility for the provision and maintenance of the showers and

b) if there were grounds for the Board to require the showers to be made available and maintained.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Board notes the content of the report.

104. INCOME ADJUSTMENT OPTION PAPER

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services setting out a number of options for financial management which could impact upon the budget setting for 2020-2021.

Board members had met on an informal basis to identify potential options to meet the likely annual financial deficit. This work had produced some viable options which were set out within the report for the Board's formal endorsement.

As part of the discussion, Members noted that extensive research into the possible options and comparison with other authorities to ensure consistency had been conducted. It was also noted that, as part of any future work, the Authority could work with the Crown Estate to review the income from pontoons.

A query was raised regarding the legality of recommendation 2i, to apply a flat rate charge for Harbour Dues in respect of all dry stacked vessel berths at a rate of £100 for each berth per annum. The Chairman indicated that he would pursue this with Legal Services.

Members were aware that the options would be incorporated into the budget setting for 2020/21 to address the potential financial deficit but that no final decision was required at this stage on any of the fees, charges and proposals contained within the report. Once the budget setting work had been conducted, Members noted that a final report would be brought back to the Board for consideration and approval.

RESOLVED:

The River Hamble Harbour Board agreed that the following options be taken forward for incorporation into next year's budget:

(i). To apply a flat rate charge for Harbour Dues in respect of all dry-stacked vessel berths at a rate of £100 for each berth per annum, enabling a flexible launching regime and ensuring that Harbour Dues are paid in respect of launches which are not currently captured.

(ii). To apply the following annual Harbour Authority mooring rates for permanently moored fishing vessels at Warsash:

- <8m - £1000
- >8m - <9.5m - £1100
- >9.5m - £1200

(iii). To increase daily launching charges, payable according to length overall and power as follows:

- Under 6m and under 10hp – free;
- Under 6m and over 10hp - £5 (formerly £4);
- Over 6m and over 10hp - £8 (formerly £6).

And to increase Visitors' Rates to the following:

- Warsash Jetty.
 - Short stay (up to 4 hours):
 - up to 12 metres length overall - £8 (£6);
 - over 12 metres length overall - £10 (£8);
 - overnight (after 5pm) - £3 (£2) per metre.
 - Weekly - £3 (£2) per metre per night.
- Hamble Jetty.
 - Short stay (up to 4 hours):
 - up to 12 metres length overall - £8 (£6);
 - over 12 metres length overall - £10 (£8);
 - overnight (after 5pm) - £2.50 (£1.75) per metre.

- Weekly - £2 per metre per night.
- Mid-stream Visitors' Pontoon.
 - Short stay (up to 4 hours):
 - up to 12 metres length overall – £5 (£4);
 - over 12 metres length overall – £8 (£6);
 - overnight (after 5pm) - £2 (£1.50) per metre.
 - Weekly - £2 (£1.50) per metre per night.

(iv). To transfer any additional balance that may be created as a result of these measures to the Asset Enhancement Reserve to take advantage of future opportunities.

105. **FORWARD PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services with regard to the future business items for the Committee and Harbour Board agendas.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Board notes the report.