

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Report

<b>Committee/Panel:</b>	River Hamble Harbour Management Committee
<b>Date:</b>	13 March 2020
<b>Title:</b>	Environmental Update
<b>Report From:</b>	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 January and February 2020.

#### **Recommendation**

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

#### **Updates**

#### **Water Quality**

3. In January, following the report made to the Management Committee on water quality in December, the Marine Director and Environment and Development Officer met with officers from Southern Water to discuss improvements to the Harbour Office main drain. Initial survey work was conducted to investigate the provision of sealing arrangements which would also support any future replacement of the RHHA sewage pump-out facility. Southern Water has agreed in principle to delivering pro bono the installation of any such equipment and associated replacement pipework. Further updates will be provided in due course.
4. As part of the same initiative, the Marine Director and Environment and Development Officer met with officials from the EA, Southern Water, MDL and ABP to explore wider commercial options for the provision of alternative pump-out facilities. Commercial appetite with the support of Southern Water and Government agencies will give River Users additional options for the disposal of black water and a further inter-agency meeting is planned for May 2020.

## **Maintenance Dredging**

5. Routine approved maintenance dredging will continue to take place in February and March within sections of Hamble Point Marina, Port Hamble Marina, Mercury Yacht Harbour and Swanwick Marina.

**REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:**

**Links to the Strategic Plan**

<b>Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:</b>	yes
<b>People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:</b>	yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:</b>	yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:</b>	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);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

### **2. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

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