

AT A MEETING of the River Hamble Harbour Board of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY
COUNCIL held at the castle, Winchester on Friday, 12th January, 2024

Chairman:

* Councillor Seán Woodward

* Councillor Michael Ford

* Councillor Tim Groves

*Present

Co-opted members

Nikki Hiorns, David Jobson and Jason Scott

101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr House – Cllr Groves deputising, and from Nicola Walsh.

102. 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.

David Jobson declared personal interests as a member of both the RAF and Royal Southern Yacht Clubs, as a midstream mooring holder and a member of the Royal Yachting Association

103. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

104. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

105. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A film depicting the River Hamble Harbour Authority's involvement in the Solent Oyster Restoration Project would be shown after the meeting.

106. **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Board noted the draft minutes of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee held on 8 December 2023.

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

The Committee received the report and supplement (Item 7 in the minute book), detailing RHHA patrol operations and informing the Duty Holder of significant events and trends having a bearing on the Marine Safety Management System.

The variable effects on the river and staff workload of recent weather storms was discussed. The Marine Director agreed to provide an annual comparative a summary on the of patrol activity

The completion of works on work on the Warsash Harbour Master's bridge was noted.

The Board supported the report.

108. **ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE**

The Board received the report (item 8 in the minute book) summarising activities relating to the River Hamble Harbour Authority's (RHHA) environmental management of the Hamble Estuary between September and November 2023.

An imminent major overnight survey of the motorway bridge to assess viability of future works by National Highways was highlighted.

The Board supported the report.

109. **RIVER HAMBLE 2023/24 FORECAST OUTTURN AND 2024/25 BUDGET**

The Board received the report (item 9 in the minute book) to present the 2023/24 outturn forecast as at the end of September 2023 and the proposed 2024/25 forward budget to the River Hamble Harbour Board for approval.

The planned draw on reserves to support, for example the replacement patrol boats was highlighted. The draw down would continue to be discussed. Options for spending the asset enhancement reserves in a beneficial way would need to be discussed in due course.

The projected increase in visitor numbers and income was discussed and this would continue to be reviewed. A £1k budget for academic studies was highlighted.

The Board agreed:

That the projected outturn for the 2023/24 financial year is noted.
That the proposed forward budget is approved.

That 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.

That the balances held within the reserves and the position on the reserve balances are noted.

110. **REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES**

The Board received the report (item 10 in the minute book) summarising a review of fees and charges applicable to the River Hamble. It does not cover Harbour Dues for privately owned leisure vessels, which have been reviewed separately and increased by 3%.

The fee charged for the launch of jetskis had been in place for two years, had not changed and was considered to be in line with charges of other harbours.

That the River Hamble Harbour Board approves the fees and charges set out below and to advertise them on the River Hamble Harbour Authority's website

111. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Board reviewed the Forward Plan for 2024.

It was requested that an update on Crown Estate mooring development methodology be presented at a future meeting of the Board.

Chairman,