

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee	River Hamble Harbour Board
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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report, as requested at the Harbour Board meeting held on 27 September 2013, comprises a summary of the process which was employed in determining priorities for Asset Enhancement projects on the River Hamble, a review of Asset Enhancement projects completed to date, and an update on those projects currently in the pipeline.

2. Background

- 2.1. In May 2007, the River Hamble Harbour Board agreed a Reserves policy which included the establishment of an Asset Enhancement Reserve, “to stand at £250,000 and to be accompanied by a programme of opportunities for the future”. The Reserve is intended to be used for projects of benefit to users of the River. In July 2009 the Harbour Board approved the transfer of a further £70,000 from the Asset Replacement Reserve to the Asset Enhancement Reserve, bringing the total to £320,000 plus interest.

3. Asset Enhancement projects – process

- 3.1 In order to draw up the ‘programme of opportunities’, consultations were carried out. This included a trawl for suggestions from stakeholders. A shortlist of options was drawn up by a working group consisting of six members of the Management Committee and Harbour Board. The shortlist was displayed at the 2010 Annual Forum, presented to members of the Hamble Estuary Partnership, and displayed at the Harbour Office Reception lobby. Each provided an opportunity to comment and add further suggestions, all of which were presented to the Harbour Board for consideration at their meeting in July 2010. This process resulted in an agreed list of four themes for further work. These were:

- Improved safety signage on public slipways.
- Tender storage with associated jetties and access, including improved disabled access.
- An expansion of school and/or youth group visits to the River.
- Funding of SSSI enhancements and/or footpath improvements.

3.2 Following further consultation, including a meeting held at Hamble River Sailing Club to consider options for improving access to the Hamble foreshore, these themes were then refined into specific projects, as listed below.

4. Projects completed

- 4.1 SmartWater crime reduction campaign.
- 4.2 River bank photography project for the RiverView project
- 4.3 Sea grass survey of the River
- 4.4 Feasibility and design studies for tender storage and access improvement projects at Hamble and Warsash
- 4.5 Slipway signage upgrade. Phase one completed and installed, phase two still to be completed.
- 4.6 A grant to the inaugural River Hamble Games 2012
- 4.7 On-line 'Learning Zone' project for schools and students. Largely complete and available on-line, but awaiting final editing of three short videos.
- 4.8 The total cost of the above projects to date is about £43,000.

5. Projects not yet completed

- 5.1 Warsash slipway improvements: This project has been approved in principle by the Harbour Board and applications for the various marine consents will be made as soon as detailed drawings are available. The project will be referred to the Management Committee and Harbour Board for Harbour Works Consent in due course.
- 5.2 Hamble Jetty extension: This project has been approved in principle by the Harbour Board but applications for the various marine consents were placed on hold until the future of development at the adjacent Royal Southern Yacht & RAF Yacht Clubs became clear. If approved, this project, which will include replacement of the existing pontoons, will cost an estimated £157,000, shared between the Asset Replacement Reserve and the Asset Enhancement Reserve.

- 5.3 Hamble Lifeboat station: The Harbour Board has pledged to support this project subject to conditions. These are:
- a. The amount of the pledge will be capped to match any grant formally confirmed by Hamble Parish Council.
 - b. Conditions to be formally drawn up to include staged payments geared to initiation and completion of stages of the building that include public access to the shower and toilet facilities.

In addition, Hamble Parish Council has indicated that any grant from the Council will be conditional upon the demolition and building works commencing prior to 4 March 2014, the project being fully funded before work commences, and planning permission remaining extant (expires 17 March 2014).

- 5.4 If all three of these projects are completed at current cost estimates, the total will be over £280,000 of which at least £230,000 will come from the Asset Enhancement Reserve and about £50,000 from the Asset Replacement Reserve. The uncommitted balance remaining in the Asset Enhancement Reserve is therefore less than £50,000.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 It is recommended that this report be noted**

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

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

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. A full Equalities Impact Assessment for the River Hamble Harbour Authority's compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code has been carried out and this report does not raise any issues not previously covered by that Assessment.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. The contents of this report will have a limited impact on crime and disorder, by virtue of the SmartWater crime deterrence project.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption? The contents of this report have no impact on carbon footprint or energy consumption.
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts? Not applicable to this report.