

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	River Hamble Harbour Board
Date:	26 March 2010
Title:	Report of the River Hamble Select Committee
Reference:	1452
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this report is to advise the River Hamble Harbour Board of the recommendations of the River Hamble Select Committee.

2. Contextual information

2.1. The River Hamble Select Committee was established by the River Hamble Harbour Board at its meeting on 18 September 2009 (minute 18/09 refers). The Select Committee was established as a means to independently review the objection to harbour dues on the River Hamble made by the Warsash Sailing Club in accordance with Section 31 of the Harbours Act 1964, thereby avoiding the considerable cost of a Public Inquiry (PI).

2.2. The River Hamble Select Committee comprised nine members. It was chaired by Councillor Séan Woodward. The Select Committee's members included elected members representatives from the County Council, Fareham Borough Council and Eastleigh Borough Council, as well as appointees representing the interests of river users and river businesses. The Select Committee held meetings in public, invited witnesses and welcomed written representations. Its final report was made public on Thursday 8 January 2010.

3. Consideration of the Select Committee's report by the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee

3.1. The River Hamble Select Committee's report was considered by the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee at its meeting on 15 January 2010 (minute 30/10 refers). The Select Committee's recommendations were unanimously endorsed for submission to the 'Board.

- 3.2. The minutes of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee meeting held on 15 January 2010 may be accessed at :-
http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/meetingsummary.htm?sta=0¤tpage=1&tab=1&date_ID=403. The relevant minute relating solely to the Select Committee report (minute 30/10) is attached for information as appendix 1.
- 3.3. The Board is now asked to consider the detailed recommendations made within the Select Committee's report.

4. Recommendation(s)

- 4.1. That the River Hamble Harbour Board give detailed consideration to the recommendations outlined in pages 8 -15 inclusive of the 'Select Committee's report, in light of the endorsement of those recommendations by the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

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

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Establishment of the River Hamble Select Committee</u>	<u>Minute</u> <u>18/2009</u>	<u>18 September</u> <u>2009</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

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.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

“30. **REPORT OF RIVER HAMBLE SELECT COMMITTEE**

The Committee considered the Select Committee’s report (Item 6 in the Minute Book).

Prior to commencement of debate on this item, the Chairman addressed a number of procedural issues. He reminded those Members of the Committee who had declared personal, prejudicial interests in relation to recommendations 1 and 2 that they were able to make a deputation, but would need to leave the Committee whilst debate on recommendations 1 and 2 took place.

The Chairman also stated that in considering the report, matters other than recommendations 1 and 2 would be dealt with first, to ensure maximum Committee participation. He would be making a deputation on those two recommendations himself, before leaving the room.

The Chairman briefly recapped on the reasons for establishing the Select Committee and explained the nature and format of its subsequent meetings. He was pleased to report that consensus had been reached on all of the Select Committee’s recommendations and he reiterated his thanks to all who had played a part in the Select Committee’s work. He asked the Management Committee to agree all the report’s recommendations (from number 3 onwards). These recommendations were agreed without dissent.

At this point, Councillor S.D. T. Woodward vacated the Chair to make a deputation. Councillor R.J. Ellis took over as Chairman.

In making his deputation on recommendations 1 & 2 of the report, Councillor Woodward asked the remaining members of the Management Committee who had not declared interests to remember that the report’s recommendations had received the Select Committee’s unanimous support. He therefore asked that recommendations 1 & 2 also be adopted. Councillor Woodward also advised that publicity would be given to the report so that the Select Committee report and the Management Committee’s recommendations in respect of it would be known when the River Hamble Annual Forum was held. The River Hamble Harbour Board would consider the report at their meeting in March and if any of the recommendations agreed by the Board required County Council approval, they would be submitted to the earliest possible meeting of the County Council after the Board meeting in March.

Extract from minutes of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee meeting held on 15 January 2010

Following Councillor Woodward's deputation and there being no other member of the Committee who had made a personal, prejudicial declaration of interest (see minute 28) asking to make a similar deputation, he and they left the room.

The remaining members of the Management Committee then debated and agreed recommendations 1 and 2 within the report.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations contained within the Select Committee's report (and as outlined in pages 8-15 inclusive) be endorsed for submission to the River Hamble Harbour Board."

Source:

[http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/meetingssummary.htm?sta=0¤tpage=1&tab=1&date_ID=403.](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/meetingssummary.htm?sta=0¤tpage=1&tab=1&date_ID=403)