

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

Committee	River Hamble Harbour Board
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on current issues affecting the management of the River Hamble .

2. Asset Enhancement projects

- 2.1. Signage: New slipway information signs, designed in accordance with RNLI guidelines, have been ordered for the Warsash, Hamble and Swanwick slipways. These will replace existing signs and will utilise existing posts. Once this phase of the project is complete, a second sign will be commissioned for each slipway, displaying a simplified chart of the River. This will require the installation of new posts.
- 2.2. Education Project: Harbour Office staff met with Sara Findlay of Hampshire County Council's Countryside Service on 6 March to finalise requirements for this project. Phase 1 of the project (an assessment of likely interest and demand from schools) will be carried out shortly and reported to the Management Committee and Harbour Board at their June and July meetings respectively
- 2.3 Access to Water: The Harbour Master met with representatives of Hamble River Sailing Club and Hamble Parish Council on 8 March to discuss options for improving the concrete slipway leading from the dinghy compound at Hamble. It was agreed that the representatives of Hamble River Sailing Club, both of whom are also members of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee, would consult with Hamble Parish Council and prepare a report setting out the options for improving the slipway, together with a business case for any Harbour Authority investment proposed. Separately, Marina Projects Ltd have been engaged

to produce a scoping report for possible repairs and improvements to Warsash public slipway. The report will be funded from monies previously allocated by the Harbour Board for design work connected with access to the water projects. It is anticipated that a verbal summary of the report's recommendations will be available for this meeting.

3. Hamble foreshore improvements

- 3.1. A meeting took place on 23 February between representatives of the Harbour Board, the Royal Southern Yacht Club, the Royal Air Force Yacht Club, Hamble River Sailing Club and Hamble Parish Council, to discuss possibilities for working in partnership to provide improved facilities on the Hamble foreshore in the area between Hamble River Sailing Club and Port Hamble Marina. It was agreed to draw up outline plans for submission to a forthcoming Streamlined Consents Group meeting.

4. Crown Estate Management Agreement

- 4.1. A review of the agreement between The Crown Estate and the Harbour Authority for the management of the mid-stream moorings has been completed, signed and sealed. Amendments to the text are minimal and the annual fees payable by the Crown Estate have been revised upwards, broadly in line with inflation plus 1% per annum. In addition, The Crown Estate has agreed to pay the Harbour Authority 20% of monies collected for late payment administration charges for Crown Estate licences.

5. Harbour Board meeting with The Crown Estate

- 5.1. A meeting between representatives of the Harbour Board and The Crown Estate took place on 14 March to discuss the principles and priorities arising from the recently approved Strategic Vision for the River Hamble. It was agreed that there was considerable scope for The Crown Estate to develop projects which would enhance the facilities available on the River, within the spirit of the Strategic Vision.

6. Navigation improvements

- 6.1. The new starboard-hand pile on Swanwick Bend has been installed using a recycled green-heart mooring pile. Riparian residents of Swanwick and Land's End were consulted about the proposed installation of a flashing green light on the pile and this has now been installed.
- 6.2. The new port-hand buoy at Riverside Bend has been installed within the approved budget of £2000.

7. Recommendation

- 7.1. **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. This report does not deal with any issues relating to crime and disorder.

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.