

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

Committee	River Hamble Harbour Board
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report summarises the progress to date towards carrying out the Asset Enhancement projects previously agreed by the Harbour Board (28 January 2011).

2. Progress

2.1 Slipway signage

- 2.1.1 The first phase of new signs which display basic safety information, designed in accordance with the nationwide RNLi template for slipway signs, have been manufactured and installed on Warsash slipway, Hamble hard and Swanwick slipway. The second phase of this project is to design and install an additional sign at each of the three locations which will display a simplified chart of the River. Design work on these signs is underway. This project has cost £856 to date, with an estimated £1500 required for phase two.

2.2 Access to the River:

- 2.2.1 Consultants Marina Projects Ltd were engaged to draw up plans and estimate costs for four projects designed to improve access to the River: These were:
- 2.2.2 Extension to Hamble Jetty – this project has been submitted to Eastleigh Borough Council for pre-application advice, which was broadly favourable. The next step is to obtain approval from the Harbour Board to proceed with a planning application – this is currently on hold whilst

further consideration is given to the development of the Hamble foreshore as a whole. The estimated cost of this project is £157,000.

2.2.3 Provision of additional tender storage on Hamble jetty – this has also been submitted to Eastleigh Borough Council for pre-application advice. The advice received was that this project would be unlikely to receive planning permission, so the Harbour Board is not proposing to proceed. The estimated cost of the project is £52,000.

2.2.4 Dinghy launching pontoon on Hamble foreshore – this is a major project with an estimated cost of £345,000. Given the lack of enthusiasm for this project expressed by some Hamble foreshore users, the Harbour Board has decided not proceed at the present time. As an alternative, the option of improving the concrete slipway at Hamble is being investigated further. Management Committee members Dermot O'Malley and Peggy Dorothy have agreed to draw up a business case and justification for this project proposal.

2.2.5 Provision of additional tender storage on Warsash Jetty – this project has been submitted to Fareham Borough Council for pre-application advice which was favourable. However, the project would provide storage for only 10 tenders at an estimated cost of £35,000. The Harbour Board has decided not to proceed, on cost-benefit grounds.

2.2.6 Subsequent to their work on the four projects above, Marina Projects Ltd were asked to carry out a survey of the Warsash Slipway and propose options for improving this heavily used facility. Their report is at Appendix 1 and includes estimated costs for the various options. Members of the Management Committee have requested that full consultation be carried out, and the results of this will be reported to a future meeting.

2.3 Educational resources for schools

2.3.1 Phases 1 and 2 of this project are complete. Phase 1 involved producing a proposal to present to schools and colleges, arranging consultation meetings and using remote methods of consultation with at least two schools at KS1 and KS2 and at least one at each of KS3, KS4 and 6th form. Phase 2 was to compile and present a report including viability of project and cost estimates. The Phase 2 report is at Appendix 2. The combined cost of the first two phases was just under £3000.

2.3.2 The next phases, if approved, are as follows:

	Tasks	Number of days	Cost
Stage 3	3 Meet with Harbour Board to	7.5	£2055

	<p>4 agree the scope of project and the budget for resources Research and development of educational resources</p> <p>5 Run a pilot session to test resources, refine as necessary</p>		
Stage 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce educational resources which will include equipment, session/activity ideas, instructions and maps etc. 	5	£1918

2.4 Environmental projects

2.4.1 The project to photograph the River banks on both sides of the River is complete and the results are now available online:
<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hambleharbour/hamble-riverview.htm>
 The camera for this project cost £550.

2.4.2 The sea grass survey has been completed by the Hampshire Wildlife Trust at a cost of £2200. No sea grass was found in the River.

2.5 Crime deterrence (forensic marking) project

2.5.1 Although not on the original list of agreed Asset Enhancement projects, a proposal for crime deterrence on the River was considered by the Management Committee on 30 March 2012, and by the Harbour Board on 20 April 2012. Harbour Board members asked for some additional data and other assurances before making a decision. A consultation exercise has been conducted in order to collect this data and a summary of the results is at Appendix 3. A detailed strategy would be required for implementation of this project, if approved, but it is quite clear that this project would have the willing support of a significant number of marina and boatyard operators, clubs and mooring contractors.

2.5.2 The Marine Police Unit has provided data on marine related thefts in the area covering the last three years, as shown at Appendix 4. It is worthy of note that there was an almost 100% increase in reported marine-related crime between April 2009 and March 2012. Although no specific values have been ascribed to each theft, a conservative estimate of £500 per incident would give a cumulative total of £122,500 for the past three years. With an estimated maximum project cost of £50,000, plus about £3,000 per annum to cover new arrivals, a 'return' on the investment could easily be achieved within four years.

2.5.3 An enquiry has been made regarding the potential insurance benefits of this project proposal but, to date, there has been no response from the insurance industry.

2.5.4 Concerns regarding data protection and data preservation have also been addressed. Both the companies which have been involved in providing advice on this project have given solid assurances that personal data stored by them would not be sold on, or used for any other purpose. They also have robust business continuity plans and back-up systems and have full protection in the event of liquidation of the company, such that the data would be protected from the Liquidator and would still be fully accessible by organisations such as the Police and the Harbour Authority.

2.5.5 So far, no costs have been incurred on this project proposal.

3. Summary of costs to date

3.1. The following costs have been incurred to date:

a. Camera (for Riverview photo project):	£550
b. Sea Grass survey:	£2,200
c. Slipway signs (Phase 1):	£856
d. Schools Education Resource project (Phases 1 & 2):	£3,000
e. Consultancy (Marina Projects):	£9,024
Total	£15,630

(all excluding VAT)

3.2 In addition, the following expenditure is already committed:

a. Slipway signs (Phase 2)	£1,500
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Subsequent phases of the Education Resource project (if agreed by the Harbour Board) are expected to cost a total of £4,000.

4. Next steps

4.1. The following actions remain outstanding:

- a. Complete Phase 2 of the slipway signage project.
- b. Assess Phases 1 & 2 of the Educational Resource project and determine whether or not to proceed with Phase 3 and beyond.

- c. Submit plans for extending Hamble Jetty for planning permission.
- d. Assess the options for improving Warsash slipway and agree the way forward.
- e. Assess the options for improving the concrete slipway at Hamble and agree the way forward.

5. Recommendation

5.1 It is recommended that the River Hamble Harbour Board:

- a. Takes a preliminary view (pending consultation results) on the way forward regarding the options for improving the Warsash slipway;**
- b. Agrees to proceed with the next phases of the educational resource project,**
- c. Agrees to proceed with the tendering process for the forensic marking project, in parallel with detailed work on an implementation strategy, and;**
- d. Notes the remainder of this report.**

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 includes some details of a proposed crime deterrence project for the River Hamble.

3 Climate Change:

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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.