AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR BOARD held at the Royal Air Force Yacht Club on 20 July 2012.

PRESENT:

Hampshire County Council

Councillors:

p K. Evans (Chairman)
p G. Hockley
p K. House

Independent Members

a Mr. D. Jobson
p Mr. C. Moody
p Dr. S. Tomson

Marine Director

p D. Evans

179. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr. D. Jobson.

180. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman drew Members' attention to the recent changes to the County Council's code of conduct, following the County Council meeting on 19 July 2012.

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 Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 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.

181. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 20 April 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

182. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements from the Chairman.

183. **RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 29 JUNE 2012**

The Board received the Minutes of the recent River Hamble Harbour Management Committee and noted their content. It was noted in particular that the representative of Eastleigh Borough Council was now Councillor S. Hamel.

184. **HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT**

The Board received the Harbour Master's report (Item 6 in the Minute Book) regarding recent incidents and events in the Harbour.

In summarising the incidents, the Marine Director noted that it had been a quiet summer so far, as a result of which patrol times had been reduced in the evenings. He confirmed that the patrol times could be increased again at short notice, should the need arise.

It was resolved that the report be noted.

185. **ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 7 in the Minute Book), regarding environmental issues in the Harbour.

Members noted the change of name of the Streamlined Consents Group to the River Hamble Consents Advice Panel and received feedback on the recent Hamble Estuary Partnership meeting. Elevated copper levels in the water were discussed and it was explained that although high, levels don't seem to be rising. It was confirmed that the Waste Management Plan was a statutory requirement and attention was drawn to the opportunity for Members or the public to comment on the Harbour's waste facilities for boat users.

Progress on the development of the Hamble Riverview map was detailed and it was confirmed that technical issues had held up the inclusion of aerial photographs, but these would soon be resolved. It was agreed that more feedback on the level of usage be provided at a future meeting.

It was resolved that the River Hamble Harbour Board note the report.

186. **RIVER HAMBLE FINAL ACCOUNTS 2011/12**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services and the County Treasurer (Item 8 in the Minute Book) setting out the final accounts for the Harbour Authority for the year ending 31 March 2012.

It was noted that the River Hamble Management Committee had supported the Board's acceptance of the final accounts, with an additional breakdown of the Authority's reserves.

The Marine Director explained that the Department for Transport had begun enforcing the submission of the accounts of municipal ports and that this may require some re-formatting.

It was resolved that the River Hamble Harbour Board approves the final accounts of the Harbour Authority for the year ending 31 March 2012.

187. **HARBOUR DUES FOR COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 9 in the Minute Book), regarding commercial harbour dues.

The Marine Director outlined the background, explaining that there was no signed protocol in place for the calculation of commercial harbour dues and that the economic climate was causing some operators to question the basis of the current arrangements. The importance of reviewing the commercial dues arrangements was discussed by the Board.

It was resolved that:

The River Hamble Harbour Board instructs the co-opted Board Member with skills and experience of the marine industry, Chris Moody, to convene a small working group to review the current procedures for the calculation and collection of Commercial Harbour Dues for marinas, boatyards, dry-stacked and dry-sailed vessels.

The working group prepare a report for consideration initially by the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee and subsequently the River

Hamble Harbour Board identifying and evaluating different options for the collection of such Harbour Dues, including the administrative implications that would result from these.

188. **ASSET ENHANCEMENT PROJECT – PROGRESS REPORT**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 10 in the Minute Book), containing an update on the asset enhancement project.

The Marine Director updated the Board on the current status of each project with reference to the report. The consultation on options for the Warsash slipway were discussed in detail by Members and it was noted that whatever the outcome, a resolution was also required to agree responsibilities for ongoing maintenance. The crime deterrence proposals were also discussed in light of further consultation with river users and persistent concerns relating to the uptake of the scheme were highlighted and the Board considered the crime deterrence potential to be the key factor of this proposal. It was proposed and agreed that any tendering exercise include break points at limited quantities to account for potential partial uptake.

It was resolved that the River Hamble Harbour Board:

a. note the current status of the Warsash slipway project and await the outcome of the consultation

b. agrees to proceed with the next phases of the educational resource project

c. approve the implementation of the forensic marking project and agrees to proceed with the tendering process, in parallel with detailed work on an implementation strategy, and

d. notes the remainder of the report.

189. **SIX MONTH REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC VISION**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 11 in the Minute Book), regarding the Strategic Vision.

Members noted the recommendation of the Management Committee and agreed that future reviews should be on an annual basis.

In consideration of the Strategic Vision, it was proposed and agreed that the title be amended to “The River Hamble Harbour Board’s Strategic Vision”, as

Members felt this better reflected the document. It was furthermore proposed and agreed that it be clarified that the relationship between the Board and the Management Committee was as set out in the County Council's constitution.

It was resolved that subject to the minor amendments detailed above, the Strategic Vision be approved by the River Hamble Harbour Board and that the review be repeated on an annual basis.

190. PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL FORUM

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 12 in the Minute Book), regarding the annual forum.

Members received and noted the record of the annual forum. It was highlighted that although long established, the attendance at the event continued to fall. It was agreed that it be proposed that the Management Committee consider the requirement for this event in the future.

It was resolved that the River Hamble Harbour Board note the report.

191. FORWARD PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 13 in the Minute Book), regarding forthcoming items for future meetings.

A briefing for Members of both the Board and the Management Committee, but to follow the Management Committee meeting, on the role of the Crown Estate was highlighted.

It was resolved to note the report.