

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

Committee	River Hamble Harbour Board
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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report provides an update on the two asset enhancement projects currently underway, namely the proposed forensic marking project for crime reduction and the educational resource project.

2. Forensic Marking Project

- 2.1. At its meeting on 20 July 2012, the Harbour Board 'approved the implementation of the forensic marking project and agreed to proceed with the tendering process, in parallel with detailed work on an implementation strategy.'
- 2.2. The tendering process is now complete and the details of the successful bid are at Appendix 1 (confidential Appendix).
- 2.3. Work on an implementation strategy is progressing and will now be taken forward in conjunction with the successful bidder. More details will be provided when known. It is anticipated that the distribution of marking kits will commence by Easter 2013.

3. Educational Resource Project

- 3.1 Work on this project is progressing well. The resource will be an interactive web-based solution using a comprehensive map of the River as a vehicle. The map is almost complete and will permit users (school children, students and teachers) to access various layers of information and data. These will include details of archaeological and environmental sites, access points, river cross sections, short video clips (the first of which has been filmed and is currently being edited) and links to other useful

websites. It is intended that the web pages will be 'ready to use' when they are launched, although they will be added to as more material is completed.

3.2 Timescale

The draft interactive map will be complete by early February, with the web pages complete by the end of February. Promotion of the new web pages will start from early March, and will include engaging a school to 'road test' the web pages and plan a curriculum-based activity day using the river by the end of March. Photos and data from this will be added to the web pages as a case study.

3.3 Cost

It is anticipated that costs will be within the projected budget.

4. Recommendation

4.1 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 deals with a project designed to achieve forensic marking of valuable items on boats throughout the harbour with a view to deterring and reducing criminal activity (specifically theft). When the project is implemented as planned, it is anticipated that it will have a significant positive impact by reducing the incidence of theft of valuable items from boats.

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.

Appendix 1

This Appendix is not for publication as it contains exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, being information relating to the financial or business affairs of the River Hamble Harbour Board (including the Authority holding that information). Further, it is considered that, in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information. Whilst there may be a public interest in disclosing this information, namely public awareness of spending decisions, it is felt that, on balance, this is outweighed by other factors in favour of maintaining the exemption, namely commercial interests of the Harbour Authority.