

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Report**

<b>Committee</b>	River Hamble Harbour Board
<b>Date:</b>	26 June 2013
<b>Title:</b>	Asset Enhancement Reserve: Bid for Grant
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**1. Summary**

- 1.1. This report provides additional financial information, as requested by the Harbour Board, regarding the bid by Hamble Lifeboat for a grant towards the cost of rebuilding the Lifeboat Station.

**2. Background**

- 2.1. Reports covering a formal bid by the Hamble Lifeboat for a donation towards the cost of rebuilding the Lifeboat station at Hamble were brought to both the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee (15 March 2013) and the River Hamble Harbour Board (19 April 2013). These reports included plans for the proposed new Lifeboat station, together with integrated public toilets and a shower facility for visiting yachtsmen. The Management Committee resolved to recommend that the Harbour Board should pledge an 'appropriate substantial sum' from the Asset Enhancement Reserve, subject to clarification regarding access to the facilities to be provided. The Harbour Board agreed in principle to support the project but wished to receive additional financial information before reconsidering the application at a future meeting.

**3. Fund-raising**

- 3.1. The Chairman of the Harbour Board and the Chairman of the Hamble Lifeboat (Captain Roger Harding) met on 10 June 2013. Captain Harding explained the total cost of the project had been revised downwards to about £200,000. The Lifeboat currently has available funds in place totalling about £25,000 and further fund-raising activities are planned. They have also received a conditional offer of up to £70,000 from Hamble Parish

Council, to meet the cost of providing public toilets. The conditions attached to this pledge include requirements that:

- work must start before 4 March 2014;
- the project must be fully funded before work starts, and;
- planning permission remains extant (it is due to expire on 17 March 2014).

Captain Harding indicated that he hopes that work can start in the Autumn of 2013 but this will obviously be subject to the availability of sufficient additional funds. If funding falls short of the total required, the shell of the building, plus the toilet and shower facilities, could be completed, with the internal fit-out of the parts to be occupied by the Lifeboat crews to be completed as and when additional funds become available (although this appears to be contrary to the conditions imposed by Hamble Parish Council).

#### **4. Access**

- 4.1 The public toilets which would form part of the new building will be available for use by any member of the public between the hours of 0700 – 1900 in the summer and 0700 – 1630 daily in the winter (exactly as the existing toilets). The shower facility will be available by key-pad access only. The key-pad access code will be made available to visiting vessels berthed on Hamble Jetty when appropriate visitor fees are paid.

#### **5. Financial context**

- 5.1 The Asset Enhancement Reserve currently stands at £286,000, of which £280,000 is currently uncommitted. However, other yet to be approved proposals for funding from the Reserve include works to Warsash Slipway (estimated at about £100,000) and an extension to Hamble Jetty (up to £100,000), leaving approximately £80,000 available.

#### **6. Recommendation**

- 6.1 **It is recommended that Members of the River Hamble Harbour Board consider the financial information contained within this report and further consider:**

- **whether to approve a pledge to make a grant towards the cost of rebuilding the Lifeboat Station;**
- **the amount of such a pledge, and;**
- **any conditions which should be stipulated.**

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. The contents of this report have no direct impact on 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.