

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

Committee	River Hamble Harbour Board
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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report summarises activities relating to the River Hamble Harbour Authority's (RHHA) environmental management of the Hamble Estuary during July and August 2013.

2. Activities

- 2.1 The RHHA Oil Spill Contingency Plan has been reviewed, updated and approved by the MCA as per requirements of the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation Convention) Regulations 1998.
- 2.2 The Harbour Authority has renewed the 3 year contract with Adler & Allan as RHHA's Tier 2 Oil Spill Responder.
- 2.3 Harbour Authority staff and Adler & Allan undertook RHHA's 3-yearly large scale oil spill boom deployment and table top exercise on 15 July. The scenario was based on a tanker collision on the M27 motorway bridge, with the theoretical release of heating oil into the Hamble River. Booms were deployed from Eastlands Boatyard and anchored around the bridge. Further booms were deployed by Oil Spill Response Limited as part of their own separate exercise upstream from Manor Farm Country Park. Combining both exercises using the same scenario meant that feasible booming plans could be developed that should help to contain a spill in this vicinity and protect the valuable environmental assets. Officers from the Maritime & Coastguard Agency, Enterprise Mouchel (representative of the Highways Agency) and HCC Emergency Planning Unit also attended and took part in the table top exercise.

- 2.4 The Marine Director attended a recent half-day table-top exercise focussing on the responses of the emergency services to incidents at BP Hamble. Two scenarios were considered – a major fuel spill and fire ashore, and a fuel spill from a vessel alongside the BP Hamble Jetty.
- 2.5 The Marine Director attended a half-day seminar on Marine Planning, organised by ABPMer and attended by staff from the Marine Management Organisation. The seminar covered a wide range of issues regarding the process for producing the new Marine Plan for the southern area, including its likely relationship with local terrestrial planning policies and implications for ports and harbours.
- 2.6 The Animal Health & Veterinary Laboratories Agency (an executive agency of Defra) undertook a successful audit of the Harbour Authority's compliance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 regarding International Catering Waste from vessels. During the audit the officer also reminded RHHA staff that pets are not permitted to travel into (or return to) the UK on a private vessel. A pet passport is not sufficient. Only certain transport companies and routes (i.e. ferries) can be used under the Pet Travel Scheme as they are responsible for checking that the animal meets the rules of the Scheme. If these routes/carriers are not used then the animal must be confined and quarantined. Further into at <https://www.gov.uk/pet-travel-information-for-pet-owners>

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that this report be noted.**

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	no
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.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
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 (including environmental responsibilities) 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:

- 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.