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 late December 2013, January and early February 2014.

2. Activities

2.1 RHHA has been invited to become a member of the steering group for the River Hamble to Portchester Coastal Flood & Erosion Risk Management Strategy. The Strategy has now extended to include the east bank of the Hamble Estuary up to the Fareham Borough Council's boundary at Curdridge. This is a partnership of four local authorities and is being developed to address the problems of coastal flooding and erosion in their area. It is currently progressing through the option development process and consultation on options is expected late summer/early autumn 2014. Further information at www.escp.org.uk .

2.2 Excess rainwater has led to repetitive overflowing of black water from a manhole in the Harbour Office yard, spilling into Warsash Sailing Club's Lobster Quay. Similar overflows have also occurred at numerous other low level manholes in the area. Southern Water staff have visited the area on numerous occasions and have used tankers to remove excess water from the network and local pumping station, which have simply been overwhelmed. Southern Water has undertaken a clean up of the affected area. RHHA is considering seeking compensation for lost equipment which required disposal as a result of contamination. RHHA staff have regularly kept Warsash Sailing Club staff informed of the situation and advised them to notify members using the compound.

2.3 The Maritime & Coastguard Agency undertook an inspection of RHHA in January to check compliance with The Merchant Shipping (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2003. The Harbour Authority passed the inspection with no deficiencies noted. The River Hamble Port Waste Management Plan is currently being updated and all yards and clubs falling under the Regulations have submitted the relevant data to RHHA. Once finalised, the updated version will be submitted to the MCA for approval.

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:	yes
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 (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.