

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 between March and May 2014.

2. Activities

- 2.1 The River Hamble Port Waste Management Plan has been completed by the Environment & Development Manager (EDM) with co-operation from all the clubs, yards and marinas. The Plan has been approved by the Maritime & Coastguard Agency as being fully compliant with the Merchant Shipping (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2003 (as amended).
- 2.2 ABP's capital dredge of Southampton Water has now commenced in the location relevant to the legal agreement drawn up between ABP and RHHA. Turbidity and hydrographic data are being monitored throughout the dredge to ensure that any detrimental impacts on the Hamble are recognised and ameliorated.
- 2.3 A meeting was held in March between the Harbour Master, EDM/Hamble Estuary Partnership Officer, Chairman of the Mooring Holders' Association and the local Chief Station Commander at Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service (HFRS). The meeting discussed the drainage network around the M27 motorway bridge across the Hamble Estuary. RHHA and HFRS officers gained an improved understanding of each others' roles and capabilities in responding to an incident. Feedback from the meeting will be included in the package of information being prepared by the Hamble Estuary Partnership as evidence to the Highways Agency that there is a need for improved drainage arrangements for the motorway bridge.

- 2.4 A Marine Planning Implementation Officer from the Marine Management Organisation met with the Harbour Master and EDM to learn more about the Hamble Estuary and work of the Harbour Authority, and to set out the timetable and steps for the implementation of the South Marine Plan which is due for publication in December 2015.
- 2.5 The Environment & Development Manager gave a presentation to the RHHA Annual Forum explaining the environmental responsibilities of the Harbour Authority.
- 2.6 The EDM attended a presentation by ABP Marine Environmental Research (ABP Mer) to the Solent Protection Society appraising projects to restore eroding saltmarsh habitats at the entrance to Lymington Harbour.
- 2.7 The Upper Hamble reaches to Botley and Curbridge have been cleared of overhanging branches and overgrown scrub to ensure river users can continue to gain access to these areas during the summer season.

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	
<p>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.)</p>	
<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.