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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee	River Hamble Harbour Board
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1. Summary

1.1 This report is a statement of progress on projects funded by the Asset Replacement Reserve and the Asset Enhancement Reserve.

2. Asset Replacement Reserve

2.1 Recently completed projects:

a. Replacement of existing structure of Hamble Jetty. The hammerhead pontoons were replaced on 28 May 2014 and the Jetty has been re-opened. The pontoons which support the bridge will be replaced as soon as possible.

2.2 Anticipated future projects (to 2017):

a. A routine maintenance dredge of the Warsash jetty area (to be carried out during the winter of 2014/15 or 2015/16).
b. A routine survey of maintenance piles at Warsash, Hamble and Land's End, and replacement if required (to be carried out during 2015).
c. Replacement of the sewage pump out system at Warsash, currently out of order. This requires a re-think of the current unsatisfactory system (see below).

3. Asset Enhancement Reserve

3.1 Completed projects:

a. Riverview (on-line mapping and photography project),
b. Learning Zone (on-line educational resources for students and teachers),
c. SmartWater (forensic marking for crime deterrence),
d. Improved slipway signage at Warsash, Hamble and Swanwick,

e. A survey of sea grass in the River
f. Initial design and feasibility studies for access enhancement projects.
g. Grants to the River Hamble Games 2012 and 2014.

3.2 Projects at consents/implementation stage:

a. Warsash slipway improvements (awaiting consents),
b. Hamble Jetty extension (awaiting planning permission and other consents),
c. Pledged funds (£70,000) towards the cost of replacing the Hamble Lifeboat station. Planning permission granted.
d. Part-funding (£5000 per annum for three years) for a PhD student to study anode protection of boats in the Hamble.

3.3 Projects for future consideration:

a. Increasing the tender berthing facilities at Warsash has previously been identified as one of the main enhancements which could be made on the River, but initial proposals did not find favour at the planning authority pre-application stage. An additional project is therefore proposed, with the potential of solving this problem. The outline proposal involves linking the Fishermen's Pontoon with the Harbour Master's Jetty to provide additional tender berthing (an illustration of a possible layout is at Appendix 1).

b. The lack of toilet and shower facilities for visiting and resident yachtsmen on or near the Harbour Master's Jetty at Warsash has also been identified (through a customer survey) as a significant reason why the facility is not as heavily used as it could be. The layout at Appendix 1 therefore shows a suggestion for installing a floating toilet and shower block, linked to an upgraded sewage pump out system. Alternatives to this suggestion include the possibility of enhancing the existing public toilets (owned by Fareham Borough Council) in the Passage Lane car park or of seeking an arrangement with Warsash Sailing Club to use its existing facilities. If any of these suggestions is to be taken forward, through life cost estimates will need to include routine cleaning, maintenance and repairs, plus energy costs (for hot water) and consumables.

c. A longer term project to investigate the feasibility of using dredged material to regenerate the saltmarsh adjacent to the River. This would entail considerable research and assessment prior to applying for the necessary consents for a pilot scheme at an appropriate location. Partnership funding would also be required.

4. Recommendations

4.1 It is recommended that the River Hamble Harbour Board commissions further detailed work on the proposals for the Harbour Master's Jetty at Warsash, the provision of toilets and showers at Warsash, the sewage pump-out arrangements and a pilot project on the re-use of dredged material, and notes the remainder of this report.

Integral Appendix A

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:	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	

Integral Appendix B

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 mentions the SmartWater crime deterrence project.

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.