

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

Committee	River Hamble Harbour Management Committee
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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 mid June and mid August 2014.

2. Activities

- 2.1 The Harbour Works Consent (HWC) pages of the RHHA website have been updated to include the following: Different consent categories, improved guidance on how to apply, process of determination, and an additional table setting out the projects which have been granted HWC and are pending construction.

- 2.2 The Hamble Estuary Partnership (HEP) met on 17 June 2014:

- An update was given on the River Hamble to Portchester Coastal Flood & Erosion Risk Management Strategy which set out the draft preferred options for each 'Unit', as well as initial measures proposed at Warsash and Swanwick Shore Road. A public exhibition of the options will be held at Warsash Sailing Club on 18 September 2014.
- A student presented the findings of his project (supported by a HEP Student Research grant) in which he surveyed and analysed the distribution of seven different invasive plant species along 50 km of rights of way between Hamble Point and Bishops Waltham.
- The HEP sent a letter to the Area Asset Manager at the Highways Agency requesting it adopts a proposal to decommission the outlet pipes on the M27 bridge and install a pen stock and balancing pond.

A reply was quickly received confirming that the Highways Agency is seeking funding for such a scheme.

- Each HEP member gave an update on their organisation's work that is relevant to the Hamble Estuary.

Members of the Management Committee and Harbour Board are encouraged to view the minutes and presentations at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hambleestuarypartnership.htm>

- 2.3 The Environment & Development Manager attended a Marine Management Organisation (MMO) workshop on the development of the draft vision and objectives of the South Marine Plan. The next stage is the development of options in late autumn 2014, followed by the Marine Plan policies. The MMO expects to release a consultation draft of the Marine Plan in the winter of 2015-16. More info at <https://www.gov.uk/south-inshore-and-south-offshore-marine-plan-areas>
- 2.4 At his request, Cllr Ringrow of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee was given a personal briefing on the environment and development aspects of the Harbour Authority's business, to expand on the information presented to the Management Committee in March 2014.
- 2.5 In response to ever-growing numbers of children crabbing around the Harbour Office, the Environment & Development Manager has produced a small educational activity booklet (available free of charge). This contains quizzes, facts and games relating to wildlife, sea safety and protecting the estuary.

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. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.2 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.