

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

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| Committee | River Hamble Harbour Management Committee |
| Date: | 12 December 2014 |
| Title: | Review of Fees and Charges |
| Reference: | 6297 |
| Report From: | Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services |

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1. Summary

1.1. This report forms a review of fees and charges applicable to the River Hamble. It does not cover Harbour Dues for privately owned leisure vessels, which have been reviewed separately.

2. Fees and Charges

2.1. It is proposed that Harbour Dues for commercial vessels should remain unchanged, as follows:

- a. The charge for a commercial vessel visiting Hamble harbour: 13p plus VAT per Gross Registered Tonne (GRT) per visit.
- b. In addition, the charge for commercial vessels visiting the Hamble harbour and licensed to carry more than 12 passengers which either embark or disembark passengers on public jetties: 50p plus VAT per passenger.

2.2. In line with the policy adopted for Harbour Dues, it is proposed that there should be a 1.5% increase for inflation for charges for Harbour Works Consent. Thus, the charges will be increased as follows, with effect from 1 April 2015:

| Size of project | Size increment | Proposed total charge for 2015/16 |
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| Up to and including 100 sq. metres | Nil | £400 + VAT |
| Over 100 sq. metres up to 500 sq metres | £51 | £451 + VAT |
| Over 500 sq. metres up to 2,500 sq. metres | £205 | £605 + VAT |

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| Over 2,500 sq. metres up to 10,000 sq. metres | £717.50 | £1117.50 + VAT |
| Over 10,000 sq. metres | £1230 | £1630 + VAT |
| A reduced fee for applications which fall within the Harbour Master's delegated powers, and consents for maintenance work to structures etc. | Nil | £153.50 + VAT |
| Applications for maintenance dredging (per dredge campaign) | Nil | £153.50 + VAT |
| Pre-application consultation fee. Attendance at the Streamlined Consents Meeting and one hour of pre-application consultation will be at no charge. | Nil | £49 per hour + VAT (for every hour or part thereof, after the first hour) |

- 2.3. An additional charge of £50 + VAT is made for each Notice to River Users required in connection with each project.
- 2.4. It is further recommended that the Harbour Board sets the following rates for discretionary services provided by the Harbour Authority for 2015 (applicable with immediate effect). These charges were last considered in January 2014 and the proposed increase is broadly in line with inflation over the intervening period.

| Service | Rate |
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| Emergency towing to nearest point of safety | Free of charge |
| Other towing/movement of boats within the Harbour Authority limits (at owners request) | £49 per tow + VAT. An additional hourly rate will apply for operations which take more than one hour. |
| Use of maintenance piles | £25 (inc VAT) per 24 hours or part thereof. Vessels displaying a valid annual Harbour Dues sticker are entitled to the first 24 hours free of charge. |
| Specific visits to check on boats for security/damage (at owners request) | £49 per hour + VAT. Minimum charge £24.50 + VAT |
| Replacing broken or missing fenders or warps (at owners request) | £49 per hour + VAT. Minimum charge £24.50 + VAT, plus 120% of cost of materials used. |
| Pumping out (to prevent further damage) | £49 per hour + VAT. Minimum charge £24.50 + VAT |
| Re-securing or lashing sails and covers (to prevent further damage) | £49 per hour + VAT. Minimum charge £24.50 + VAT |

3. Recommendation

- 3.1. It is recommended that the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee advises the River Hamble Harbour Board to approve the fees and charges set out above and to advertise them on the River Hamble website.**

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

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| 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: | 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.)

Document

Location

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.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

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:

This report does not deal with any issues relating to crime and disorder.

3. Climate Change:

- a) 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.
- b) 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.