

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 March, April and May 2015.

2. Updates

- 2.1. The 6 month period of post-dredge monitoring within the Hamble Estuary has now finished following the completion of ABP Southampton's capital dredge of Southampton Water in November 2014. Final data analysis is underway in line with the River Hamble Safeguarding Agreement, as set up between ABP and River Hamble Harbour Authority. The channel widening element of the dredge was not carried out, but if and when ABP undertake this in the future, the Agreement will be reinstated.
- 2.2. At their meeting of 8th April 2015, the Harbour Board approved the Project Brief and that quotes be sought for a desktop study to ascertain if it would be viable to use sediment management techniques, including the reuse of dredge arisings, to sustain, restore, enhance or create saltmarsh or mudflats within the Hamble Estuary. Quotes have been sought from appropriate expert consultancies and three have been received. All three came in at just under £25,000. The tender evaluation panel has selected a preferred bid, based on quality, subject to authorisation by the Harbour Board to proceed with the study (see recommendation 3.1.a below). A copy of the project brief is at Appendix 1 for ease of reference.
- 2.3. Patrol staff have cleared the Upper Hamble reaches to Botley and Curbridge of obstructing branches and fallen trees to ensure river users will be able to gain access to the navigable sections during the summer season.

3 Recommendations

3.1 It is recommended that the River Hamble Harbour Board

- a) authorises that the successful tenderer be contracted by HCC to deliver the desktop study.**
- b) notes the remainder of the report.**

**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	
<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.

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:

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.