

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 June and July 2015.

2. Updates

- 2.1. The contract for the desktop study to ascertain viability of employing sediment management measures to conserve the saltmarsh and mudflat habitats within the Hamble Estuary has been awarded to AHTI Limited. The project will commence mid-September with the final report due around March 2016.
- 2.2. The Environment Development Manager, as Officer of the Hamble Estuary Partnership, held a meeting of the HEP on 16 June 2015. Members of the Management Committee and Harbour Board are encouraged to view the presentations and minutes at:
<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hambleestuarypartnership/hep-members.htm>
- Natural England has received additional Government funding to ensure that the 'England Coast Path' is completed by 2020. The section from Calshot to Gosport is expected to be delivered during 2016 and 2017. Further information can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/england-coast-path-improving-public-access-to-the-coast>
 - A PhD student presented initial progress on his study 'An evaluation of spatial variation in the dissolution of sacrificial anodes in the Solent and implications for management'. This is being part funded by RHHA. Work to date has included a literature review, a mooring holder survey

and data collection of zinc levels in water and sediments in Solent. The study will be complete by December 2017.

- The HEP reviewed the effectiveness of its own communication channels for onward dissemination of information.
- Each HEP member gave an update on their organisations work that is relevant to the Hamble Estuary.

3 Recommendations

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:	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.