

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	River Hamble Harbour Board
Date of Decision:	29 January 2010
Decision Title:	Review of Fees and Charges
Decision Reference:	1220
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs

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1. Executive 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 are 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 should be 12p plus VAT per Gross Registered Tonne (GRT) per visit, and that the Harbour Master should have the authority to negotiate annual compound charges for regular visitors.
- b. 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 should remain at 50p plus VAT per passenger, and that the Harbour Master should have the authority to negotiate annual compound charges based on typical annual activity.

2.2 It is further proposed that the charges for Harbour Works Consent should increase in line with the phasing arrangements agreed by the Harbour Board on 30 January 2009, with no additional increase for inflation on this occasion, as shown below:

Size of Project	Size Increment	Proposed total charge for 2010/11 (effective 1 April 2010)
Up to and including 100 sq. metres	Nil	£284.50 + VAT
Over 100 sq. metres to 500 sq. metres	£50	£334.50 + VAT
Over 500 sq. metres to 2,500 sq. metres	£200	£484.50 + VAT
Over 2,500 sq. metres to 10,000 sq. metres	£700	£984.50 + VAT
Over 10,000 sq. metres	£1,200	£1,484.50 + VAT
A reduced fee for applications that fall within the Harbour Master's delegated powers and consents for maintenance work to structures etc.	Nil	£150 + VAT
Pre-application consultation fee. Attendance at the Streamline Consents Meeting and one hour of pre-application consultation will be at no charge.	Nil	£42 an hour + VAT (note: this hourly rate has been increased from £40, in line with the proposal below)

- 2.3. Finally, it is recommended that the Harbour Board sets the following rates for discretionary services provided by the Harbour Authority for 2010 (applicable with immediate effect). These charges were last considered in September 2007 and the proposed increase is 5%, broadly in line with inflation over the intervening two year period.

Service	Rate
Emergency towing to nearest point of safety	Free of charge
Other towing/movement of boats within the Harbour Authority limits (at owners request.)	£42 per tow + VAT. An additional hourly charge 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 annual Harbour Dues stickers entitled to first 24 hours free of charge.

Specific visits to check on boats for security/damage (at owners request)*	£42 per hour + VAT. Minimum charge £21 + VAT
Replacing broken or missing fenders or warps (at owners request)*	£42 per hour +VAT. Minimum charge £21 + VAT, plus 120% of cost of materials used.
Pumping out (to prevent further damage)*	£42 per hour + VAT. Minimum charge £21 + VAT
Re-securing or lashing sails and covers (to prevent further damage)*	£42 per hour + VAT. Minimum charge £21 per hour + VAT.

For services marked with an asterisk (*), mid-stream mooring holders (commercial and Crown Estate) were charged at 20% of the standard labour rate in 2008 which will increase annually by equal steps to 100% of the standard labour rate in 2012). Thus, the rate for 2010 will be 60% of the standard rate.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1. It is recommended that the River Hamble Harbour Board agrees that the fees and charges set out above should be adopted and advertised on the River Hamble website.**

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	no
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	no
Corporate Business 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.)

DocumentLocation

None