

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

Committee	River Hamble Harbour Board
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1. Summary

- 1.1. This report outlines progress towards implementation of the Asset Enhancement projects agreed by the Harbour Board on 28 January 2011.

2. Background

- 2.1. At their meeting on 28 January 2011, members of the Harbour Board approved a way forward for the four Asset Enhancement projects previously agreed. Specifically, this included approval of the proposed new safety signage (subject to consideration of detailed design work); the production of more detailed plans for improvements to jetties and associated tender storage; the production of educational information material for use by visiting schools, a sea-grass survey, a photographic survey of the river bank and the reprinting of the maritime archaeology leaflet. It was also agreed that a consultation should be carried out with those organisations and businesses with an interest in the improvement of facilities to access the water development of the Hamble foreshore. To that end, a letter was sent to all interested parties, asking for their written opinions and inviting representatives to attend a consultation meeting on 10 March 2011. The meeting was attended by all members of the Harbour Board and the views expressed will be taken into account when the Board formally considers an application for Harbour Works Consent.

3. Asset Enhancement Projects

- 3.1. Project 1 - Slipway signage: Negotiations with the RNLI and Hampshire County Council to agree the format of the proposed new signs has been completed. Detailed design work is now underway. The aim is to install two signs on each major slipway (Warsash, Hamble and Swanwick), displaying

slipway and sea safety information, together with information on Harbour Dues, using the standard RNLI format.

- 3.2. Project 2 - Access: Following the meeting held on 10 March, Marina Projects Limited were tasked with producing detailed drawings of the various projects, together with cost estimates. These drawings are not yet complete but those for the proposed extension to Hamble Jetty and the associated tender storage pontoon will be presented at the meeting.
- 3.3. Project 3 - Educational material: Work on drafting of educational information material is well under way.
- 3.4. Project 4 - SSSI enhancements: The seagrass survey is scheduled for the period 1 – 4 August 2011 and will be conducted by Dr Amy Dale and Jolyon Chesworth of the Hampshire Wildlife Trust.

The camera has been purchased and the photographic survey of the River banks will be carried out during the summer months.

The Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology has been invited to reprint their leaflet, at Harbour Authority expense, to a maximum of £500.

4. Hamble Lifeboat Station

- 4.1. The Hamble Independent Lifeboat, based on the Hamble foreshore, are currently fund-raising to build a new lifeboat station with a shower and toilets accessible by visiting yachtsmen. The Trustees have written formally to the Chairman of the Harbour Board, asking the Harbour Authority to consider making a grant towards the cost of the new station. The Trustees have been asked to provide more information regarding the total cost of the new build, details of other fundraising activities and the intended timescale for completion of the project.

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that the River Hamble Harbour Board:

- 1. Notes progress on Projects 1, 3 and 4**
- 2. Agrees that the Hamble Jetty extension and tender storage projects should be submitted for planning and other consents, prior to seeking formal Harbour Works Consent.**
- 3. Defers any decision about a grant to the Hamble Lifeboat until the additional information requested has been supplied.**

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:	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.)

DocumentLocation

None