

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

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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 are reviewed separately. New 'extended settlement' charges are proposed.

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 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 2011/12 (effective 1 April 2011)
Up to and including 100 sq. metres	Nil	£390 + VAT
Over 100 sq. metres up to 500 sq metres	£50	£440 + VAT
Over 500 sq. metres up to 2,500 sq. metres	£200	£590 + VAT
Over 2,500 sq. metres up to 10,000 sq. metres	£700	£1,090 + VAT
Over 10,000 sq. metres	£1,200	£1,590 + VAT
A reduced fee for applications which 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 Streamlined Consents Meeting and one hour of pre-application consultation will be at no charge.	Nil	£44 per hour + VAT (Note: this hourly rate has been increased from £42, in line with the proposal below)

2.3. An additional charge of £50 + VAT will be 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 or discretionary services provided by the Harbour Authority for 2011 (applicable with immediate effect). These charges were last considered in January 2010 and the proposed increase is broadly in line with inflation over the intervening 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)	£44 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)*	£44 per hour + VAT. Minimum charge £22 + VAT
Replacing broken or missing fenders or	£44 per hour + VAT. Minimum charge

warps (at owners request)*	£22 + VAT, plus 120% of cost of materials used.
Pumping out (to prevent further damage)*	£44 per hour + VAT. Minimum charge £22 + VAT
Re-securing or lashing sails and covers (to prevent further damage)*	£44 per hour + VAT. Minimum charge £22 + 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 2011 will be 80% of the standard rate.

3. 'Extended Settlement' Charges

- 3.1 As a result of a recommendation of the River Hamble Select Committee, the Harbour Board agreed in March 2010 that an extended settlement period for commercial Harbour Dues payers should incur an agreed premium. The Harbour Board agreed that this may only be nominal but that it would provide consistency and accommodates smaller commercial operators who may not be able to settle their invoices until April (invoices are normally issued on 2 January each year, for payment within 28 days). For invoices settled after 31 January and no later than 30 April each year, a premium of 1.5% of the total outstanding is proposed.
- 3.2 Chasing-up late payments of Mooring Licence fees and Harbour Dues for mid-stream mooring holders imposes a considerable additional workload on Harbour Office staff each year. It is therefore further proposed that a 'late payment administration charge' of £30 should be levied on those Harbour Dues payers who are invoiced on 1 October each year but fail to pay by the 1 November deadline. This would bring the late payment administration charge for Harbour Dues into line with the administration charge currently levied by The Crown Estate for late payment of Mooring Licence fees.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1. **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 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