

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Report**

<b>Committee</b>	River Hamble Harbour Management Committee
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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1. This report addresses three issues: an update on progress with further amendments to the River Hamble Strategic Plan and Vision; an update on progress with consultation on proposals for the Asset Enhancement Reserve, and a proposal to purchase a Bursledon rowing gig for use by the Harbour Office and the wider harbour community.

## **2. Strategic Plan and Vision**

- 2.1. At the Management Committee meeting on 7 January 2011, it was agreed that a sub-group consisting of Messrs Jobson and Boissier, Councillors K Evans and T Cartwright, and the Marine Director would meet to consider some further refinements to the Action Plan and the next steps towards a Vision for the future development of the harbour. At the first meeting of the sub-group, a number of additions to the Action Plan were proposed and these were subsequently approved by the Harbour Board. At the second meeting, it was decided that the members of the Management Committee should be asked for their input to the Vision. A request for this input was circulated on 10 February 2011, with a deadline for responses of 17 March 2011. If possible, a verbal summary of the nature of the responses received will be provided at the Management Committee meeting.

## **3. Asset Enhancement Reserve**

- 3.1. At the Harbour Board meeting on 28 January 2011, it was agreed that a consultation should be carried out with those organisations and businesses with an interest in the future development of the Hamble foreshore. To that end, a letter has been sent to all interested parties, asking for their written opinions and inviting representatives to attend a consultation meeting on 10

March 2011. If possible, a verbal update on the outcome of the consultation meeting will be provided at the Management Committee meeting.

#### **4. Bursledon rowing gig**

- 4.1. The Bursledon Gig harks back to the days when everyone who worked on or around the River Hamble would row to work. Years later, gig rowing on the River Hamble is a rapidly growing and very popular activity. A Rowing Club has been established and regular events are held, including the Hamble River Raid and the Bursledon Regatta. Many are sponsored by local businesses and, thanks to them and other local people, rowing is experiencing a huge revival. Harbour Authority staff are keen to become part of the revival and to compete in the events and, to that end, it is proposed that the Harbour Authority should procure a gig.
- 4.2. The cost of purchase has been estimated at £3,500, including all necessary equipment. Insurance and maintenance costs would be met by charging a modest daily hire charge for each individual who uses the gig. The gig would be clearly identifiable as belonging to, and sponsored by, the Harbour Authority. It is proposed that the gig would be available for use by youth groups (eg Sea Scouts and Sea Cadets) and the wider harbour community, upon payment of the daily hire charge.
- 4.3. The benefits are many:
  - a. Harbour Authority staff would become better integrated with a large and active group of River users, with greater mutual understanding.
  - b. Team building and morale boosting amongst Harbour Authority staff.
  - c. The public image of the Harbour Authority would be greatly enhanced.
  - d. Harbour Authority staff and others would improve their physical fitness.
- 4.4. As a result of informal discussions with members of the Harbour Board, there is unanimous support for this proposal. Board members were, however, anxious that the Management Committee should be able to express their views before a final decision to proceed is made. It is therefore recommended that the Management Committee endorses the purchase of a rowing gig, prior to the Harbour Board making a formal decision. If this bid is successful, it is proposed to organise a rowing event similar to the Harbour Master's Annual Pursuit race for dinghies.

#### **5. Recommendation**

**It is recommended that the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee notes the situation on the Strategic Plan and Vision and on the Asset Enhancement Reserve, and endorses the purchase of a Harbour Authority rowing gig.**

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

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	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