Part 2
Articles of the Constitution

South Hams District Council

Article 8: Salcombe Harbour Board

8.1 **Salcombe Harbour Board**

General Function:

To improve, maintain and manage the whole of the Salcombe-Kingsbridge Estuary for the benefit of users who include local fishermen, local residents and many visitors and to balance the commercial outlook by conserving and protecting the estuarine environment.

In accordance with the respective responsibilities of the Council and Harbour Board, to develop and maintain Salcombe Harbour (as defined in the Salcombe Harbour Order 1954) whilst protecting the interests of the community of Salcombe and the environment.

8.2 **Respective Positions and Responsibilities**

The Council determines the policy and budget framework for all Council bodies.

The Board, as a Committee of the Council, is established to advise the Council, Executive, and Harbour Master about issues relating to the Harbour in accordance with the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code (the Code) and Health & Safety at Work legislation.

8.3   **Key Objectives:**

The objectives of the Board are summarised as follows:

a)   Financial self sufficiency;

b)   Maintenance and development of the harbour infrastructure;

c)   Support for the local economy;

d)   Contribution to the character and attraction of the area;

e)   Compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;

f)   Achievement of environmental considerations;

g)   Open and transparent governance;

h)   Development of staff; and

i)   Considering issues of risk management.

8.4   **Financial Surpluses:**

The Council anticipate that any financial surpluses from the operation of Salcombe Harbour will be accumulated year on year for the establishment of appropriate reserves to undertake future projects to benefit the Harbour. However, where such funds have risen to a level beyond that reasonably required for the proper operation of the Harbour, the Council may require those funds, or part of them, to be made available for general Council purposes.