

Report to: **Salcombe Harbour Board**

Date: **26 September 2016**

Title: **Harbour Master's Report**

Portfolio Area:

Wards Affected: **All**

Relevant Scrutiny Committee:

Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y**

Date next steps can be taken: **N/A**
(e.g. referral on of recommendation or implementation of substantive decision)

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Recommendations:

That the Board **RESOLVES** to note the Harbour Master's report.

1. Executive summary

1.1 There are a number of topical issues affecting the Harbour. These include the Egremont future plans, an update on staffing, the commencement of a new night security contract and an update on the recent and unwelcome spike in marine crime,

2. Egremont

2.2 The Egremont's scheduled departure is Tues 20th September. Should this not have occurred, the HM will provide a verbal update regarding future intentions.

3. Staff update

3.1 The Senior Harbour Technician's role became vacant because the post-holder was offered a full-time role with the Salcombe RNLI, and an existing staff member successfully applied for the role. Recruiting into his previous role is now under way

4. Night security

4.1 Dewnán Advisory Group were selected to provide the night security patrol after a competitive tendering process was run. They started their patrols on 1 September and the seasonal security staff taken on during the interregnum will cease at the end of September; the handover period providing an opportunity for the transfer of knowledge as well as temporarily increasing the number of security patrols undertaken.

5. Marine crime

5.1 There has recently been an unfortunate spike in the number of reported thefts. Since the middle of June 20 items (predominantly outboard engines but some tenders too) have been reported stolen. In response, the Marine Police unit based in Plymouth has conducted some night patrols in the Harbour and the Harbour Office are working closely with the local Police teams. Advisory messages reminding the public to take care of their belongings have been run on our website and social media, and the Office have given away over 95 security marking kits to boat owners and local marine businesses, which should result in over 100 vessels being security marked. Another 100 kits are being ordered with a view to continuing this campaign.

6. Coastguard secondary VHF aerial at Scoble

6.1 HM has written to the Coastguard's communications manager to express concerns regarding the efficacy of the VHF aerial at Scoble which was apparently been inoperable for over 4 weeks (but is now fixed). In addition to its being the means by which the Coastguard communicate with the Lifeboat on Channel 0, the aerial is used to monitor Channel 16, and there is a concern that if it is not working, or not monitored, then anyone transmitting a distress message in the Harbour may not be detected. Resolution details will be provided to a future meeting as appropriate.

7. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address
Legal/Governance	N	Where appropriate, reference to legal implications is referenced in the report
Financial	Y	The cost of the security marking kits is £1000. The night security patrol is more expensive than that budgeted (figure to be made by verbal report at the meeting)
Risk	Y	There is a risk that the Harbour is not viewed as a secure harbour due to the recent spate of thefts. This risk is being mitigated by raising public awareness and providing security marking kits. There is a risk that messages transmitted on VHF Ch 0 are not detected. This risk has been transferred to the Coastguard.
Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications		
Equality and Diversity	N	None
Safeguarding	N	None
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder	Y	The recent spate of thefts impacts on community safety
Health, Safety and Wellbeing		
Other implications	Y	Marine crime can have adverse reputational consequences

Supporting Information

Appendices: None.

Background Papers: None.

Approval and clearance of report

Process checklist	Completed
Portfolio Holder briefed	Yes/No
SLT Rep briefed	Yes/No
Relevant Exec Director sign off (draft)	Yes/No
Data protection issues considered	Yes/No
If exempt information, public (part 1) report also drafted. (Committee/Scrutiny)	Yes/No

