

Report to: **Salcombe Harbour Board**

Date: **28 September 2015**

Title: **Matters of topical interest**

Portfolio Area:

Wards Affected: **All**

Relevant Scrutiny Committee: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **N/A**

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

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Recommendations:

1. That the Harbour Board Note the report

1. **Executive summary.** This report updates the Harbour Board on issues of topical interest which do not merit a separate report in their own right.

2. **Houseboat Departure.** At time of writing the remaining houseboat had not left due to poor weather and difficulty in obtaining a tug, but still intended to leave at the earliest opportunity.

3. **Update on dredging programme.** The pre-dredge survey had found that 10,055 m³ material requires dredging (vs 27,080 m³ in 2010) and sampling has confirmed that it is classified as 'non-hazardous'. The tendering process for a company to conduct the dredging will shortly be published with the aspiration that it takes place between Jan-Feb. The Marine Management Organisation has been contacted and since the dredge is exempt from formal MMO licencing, an exemption request has been lodged. Since the licencing process triggers the consultation process, and because we are exempt, the consultation process has been locally

initiated in lieu. The lower dredge volumes should also result in lower costs than was the case in 2010.

4. Pollution in the estuary. Unfortunately there were a number of sewerage pollution incidents within the estuary since the last meeting:

- Victoria Quay – effluent leaking through quay wall. This necessitated the relocation of the Regatta’s ‘greasy pole’ competition and signage warning the public against swimming. The leak has been rectified but this took some considerable work by SWW contractors and included partially demolishing and rebuilding the wall.
- Normandy slipway – effluent leaking through man-hole. This was unfortunately only noted the day after the relocated ‘greasy pole’ competition had been held off Whitestrand. Signs were erected and through the course of several low tides the SWW contractors effected a permanent repair.
- Sunny Cliff gardens – continual leaks from 100 year-old pipework. A number of leaks (some of which are ongoing) were reported. This is not too far from the crab box storage area. Signs were erected and fishermen apprised. SWW have undertaken to replace the pipework but this may take some time.

5. Proposed Way Forward. Monitor and report

6. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address
Legal/Governance	N	The Pier & Harbour (Salcombe) Order Act 1954
Financial	N	There are no new (ie unbudgeted) financial implications as a result of this report
Risk	Y	While there are negligible long-term environmental risks, the risk to human health during the summer season was undoubtedly raised.
Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications		
Equality and Diversity		None
Safeguarding		None
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder		No adverse effects

Health, Safety and Wellbeing		No adverse long term effects
Other implications		

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