

NAME OF COMMITTEE	Executive
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REPORT TITLE	Salcombe Fish Quay and Slipways: Review of Fishermen's Quay and Slipway Charges and All Slipway Charges in Salcombe Charges for 2014-15
REPORT OF	Head of Finance and Audit & Head of Assets
WARDS AFFECTED	All

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report sets out proposals for fees and charges for the use of Salcombe Fish Quay and Slipway Charges and All Slipway charges in Salcombe for 2014/15.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated additional income that could be generated from the review of fees and charges for 2014-15 totals £10,000 as shown in Section 4.1.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive **RECOMMEND** to Council:

- 1 To approve the proposed fees and charges set out in this report; and**
- 2 That authority be delegated to the Head of Assets, in consultation with the Lead Executive Member for Assets to be able to vary all pricing charges on the Salcombe fish quay and all slipways as and when deemed necessary to respond to changes in market forces.**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals for fees and charges for Salcombe Fish Quay and all Slipways for 2014/15. The Council has the power to levy fees and charges for various services and functions it undertakes. Some of these fees are set by statute while for others the Council can make “reasonable” charges for the services it provides. The undertaking of regular reviews of charges allows, where possible, for the Council to recover the cost of officers’ time in providing the service.

2. PROPOSALS FOR CHARGES 2014/15

Fish Quay and All Slipway Charges Salcombe

- 2.1 Members will be aware that charges have been made for the use of the slipways at Salcombe for some years. It is now proposed to charge for additional items set out in Appendix A of this report including the use of the quay by commercial vehicles and charges for marine engineers working on the Quay.
- 2.2 The proposed charges have been derived from comparable charges from similar harbour operations within the South West.

The proposed increase in slipway charges and introduction of new charges have been consulted upon with the Salcombe Fishermen, this has led to the delay in reporting process to the Executive. If the recommended charges are approved by Council then the charges become applicable from the date of Approval. Slipway charges for April 2014 to this date remain at existing 2013/14 level.

- 2.3 Leaving the slipway charges neither unchanged nor introducing new charges is not recommended. The newly provided facilities at the Fish Quay and improved estate management in place provide the opportunity to derive additional income currently enjoyed by other similar harbour operations. However, Members are requested that the Head of Assets has delegated authority to adjust the charges during any financial year for commercial reasons should the need arise in consultation with the Executive Portfolio Holder. A summary of the proposed charges are in Appendix A.

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Council has powers to provide these facilities and services under s1 of the Localism Act 2011 General Powers of Competence.
- 3.2 As mentioned, the Council has the power to levy fees and charges for various services and functions it undertakes. Some of these fees are set by statute while for others the Council can make “reasonable” charges for the services provided. The need to undertake an annual review of fees and charges relates to the Council’s priority of improving core services in a cost effective way and the Council’s commitment to value for money.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The additional income generated from the review of each of the fees and charges is estimated as follows:

	Amount (£)
Salcombe Fish Quay and All Slipway Charges	£10,000

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 The Risk Management implications are shown at the end of this report in the Strategic Risks Template.

6. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate priorities engaged:	Community Life, Homes, Economy & Environment
Statutory powers:	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Powers to levy fees and charges are contained within various statutes governing the services in question
Considerations of equality and human rights:	Charging helps to support the provision of a wide range of public facilities available to all ages and all abilities
Biodiversity considerations:	Facilities are set within parks and public spaces being managed for biodiversity net gain. Memorial scheme (Trees) and sponsorship both encourage the planting and improved management of public space
Sustainability considerations:	Charging assists in supporting the running and management of a range of facilities in appropriate locations for local communities.
Crime and disorder implications:	Charging helps to maintain the range of facilities.
Background papers:	Consultation with the Taxi trade
Appendices attached:	Appendix A - Fishermens' Quay and Slipway Charges And All Slipway Charges Salcombe

No	Risk Title	Risk/Opportunity Description	Inherent risk status			Mitigating & Management actions	Ownership	
			Impact of negative outcome	Chance of negative outcome	Risk score and direction of travel			
1	Providing a cost effective service for users of Council Assets in Salcombe	Additional Costs of Use for using Salcombe Harbour restricts use of Salcombe Fishing Trade	4	2	8		The charges are not unreasonable and, unlike other harbours there are no charges for landing shell fish. Delegated powers to Head of Assets to adjust charging would assist with identified anomalies during the year	Head of Assets Head of Finance and Audit
2	Robustness of income targets	Achieving anticipated income targets in the current financial climate	4	3	12	↔	Monitoring of income stream throughout the year.	Head of Finance & Audit