

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

NAME OF COMMITTEE	Salcombe Harbour Board
DATE	12 July 2011
REPORT TITLE	TOPICAL HARBOUR ISSUES
REPORT OF	Salcombe Harbour Master
WARDS AFFECTED	All South Hams

Summary of Report

To update the Harbour Board and Public on a range of Topical Harbour Issues.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Harbour Board RESOLVES to:

- a. Congratulate Mr Goodhead on the award of the UKHMA Bursary for the International Diploma for Harbour Masters and to finance the additional associated costs of the course;**
- b. Support Frogmore Boatyard's application for a slipway for the Boatyard's use, through the planning process.**

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Progress has been made on a range of operational issues in preparation for the forthcoming season.

2. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**2.1 UKHMA Bursary**

2.1.1 The UK Harbour Masters' Association (UKHMA), in conjunction with maritime training provider ibc Academy, awarded their 2011 Training Bursary to Mr Philip Goodhead, one of the Harbour Authority Mooring Officers. The award, which is worth some £1600, counts towards the one-year distance learning course managed by ibc Academy (formerly Lloyd's Maritime Academy) leading to the International Diploma for Harbour Masters.

2.1.2 The ibc Academy International Diploma for Harbour Masters distance learning course aims to provide the marine safety and management knowledge potentially required by harbour masters and port captains around the world. This also includes their deputies and staff, as well as others with responsibility for the marine functions of a port or harbour.

This harbour master training programme is also for anyone with an interest in preparing themselves to enter this profession.

2.2 Frogmore Boatyard

2.2.1 The management of Frogmore Boatyard have expressed an interest in constructing a slipway from their land onto the foreshore just south of the public landing pontoon. The slipway will enable yachts to be slipped for maintenance without having to drop their masts, which is currently necessary when using the slip at the head of the Creek, because of the overhead cables between the slipway and the boatyard. This adds to the cost of the service which has to be passed onto the customer.

2.2.2 It will be a long process and will require the support of the landowner, the Duchy of Cornwall, Natural England and will also require planning permission and a licence from the Marine Management Organisation.

2.2.3 At this stage of the process the Boatyard would like to know they have the support of the Harbour Authority, before committing time and resources into the planning process.

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Statutory Powers: Local Government Act 1972, Section 151. The Pier and Harbour Order (Salcombe) Confirmation Act 1954 (Sections 22-36).

3.2 The District Council will have the opportunity to comment upon this request when it becomes a formal planning application. At this stage comments are being sought in the Council's capacity, through the Board, only as Harbour Authority and as Members will readily appreciate, that means that the response should be confined to matters relevant to the Harbour Authority's concerns. Members may wish to consider making only a preliminary response at this stage until more information is provided, when a formal position can be adopted.

3.3 Making a preliminary response at this stage will also assist those Members who may, in their capacity as either parish, town or district council members, have to give their views when determining any application that the Boatyard may make in future.

3.4 There are no other legal implications to this report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Harbour Authority will contribute the balance of the Harbour Master's Diploma, a cost of £1,600 from the Harbour's annual training budget.

5. RISK ASSESSMENT

5.1 The risk management implications are:

Risk/Opportunity	Issues / Obstacles	Mitigation
The Harbour Authority is striving to deliver an improving service to harbour users.	The Harbour Board, through its contact with harbour Community Forums has identified a number of improvements which can benefit both resident and visiting yachtsmen and improve the reputation of Salcombe Harbour.	A better service in a safe environment for estuary users.
Corporate priorities engaged:	CP2: Good Jobs CP3: Retain the districts character CP5: An accessible Council CP6: Value for money	
Consideration of equality and human rights:	There are no equality or human rights issues with this report	
Biodiversity considerations:	None	
Sustainability considerations:	None	
Crime and disorder implications:	None	
Background Papers:	Strategic Business Plan 1st Edition dated 2 August 2007.	
Appendices attached:	None	

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