

NAME OF COMMITTEE	Salcombe Harbour Board
DATE	20 May 2013
REPORT TITLE	TOPICAL HARBOUR ISSUES
REPORT OF	Salcombe Harbour Master
WARDS AFFECTED	All South Hams

Summary of Report

To consider a range of topical harbour issues which do not warrant a separate report in their own right.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Harbour Board RESOLVES to note the report.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As the season approaches, there are a range of issues which the Board and the Public should be aware of.

2. TOPICAL HARBOUR ISSUES

2.1 Showers.

2.1.1 The formally opening ceremony for the Salcombe Shower Facility will be on Tuesday 21 May 2013.

2.1.2 A range of Council and local dignitaries, and the artists who painted the tiles, have been invited to attend.

2.1.3 The showers will be available in the season between 0700 and 2100 and during normal office hours out of season.

2.2 Salcombe Fish Quay Re-development

2.2.1 The contractor is on site and progressing. To date, the completion date has been moved forward by 3 weeks, from the 1st of July. The date when the slipway shall be available to the fisherman once more shall be before that time, but is yet to be clarified (with the contractor for programming).

- 2.2.2 Salcombe Harbour are working closely with SHDC and the Contractor to look at ways to mitigate any impact on recreational users and the fishermen.
- 2.2.3 Factors under consideration at present is maintaining some tender berthing for the fishermen in deep water with shore access and minimising disruption from trucks at the head of the public slipway and throughout the Boat park.

2.3 **Kingsbridge Berthing Improvements Project**

- 2.3.1 Following a competitive tender process the Council is in the process of awarding a contract, subject to the successful award of planning permission and a Marine Management Organisation (MMO) Licence, to WALCON Marine Ltd.
- 2.3.2 A Planning application and MMO Licence application have been submitted.
- 2.3.3 If all the permissions and Licences are gained in good time, it is anticipated that the project will go ahead between January and March 2014.

2.4 **Harbour Management System**

- 2.4.1 The upgrading of the Harbour Management System to a web based system is now well advanced. The advantages of the improved system will include, but not be limited to:
- Electronic invoicing and payment system (Complete)
 - Customer access to view their account details (June 13)
 - Electronic point of sale afloat and ashore (Fine tuning)
 - Merging of boat park system into the harbour system (June 13)
 - Cutting edge system, fit for purpose for at least next decade

2.5 **Marine Navigation Act**

- 2.5.1 The Marine Navigation Act 2013, Appendix 1, was enacted by Parliament on 25 April 2013. This gives the Harbour Authority the opportunity to apply for the Power to make Harbour Directions.

2.6 **Night Security Patrol.**

- 2.6.1 The Night Security Contractor, Security Solutions, has recently been trained by the Devon and Severn IFCA and holds a limited Inshore Fisheries Conservation Officer (IFCO) warrant.
- 2.6.2 This course of action has been taken in an attempt to enforce the IFCA's Byelaws, specifically with regard to the illegal netting of Sea Bass, within the Salcombe and Kingsbridge Estuary.

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 There are no other legal implications to this report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no new financial implications as a result of this report.

5. Risk Assessment

5.1 The risk management implications are:

Risk/Opportunity	Risk Status			Mitigating and Management Actions
	Impact/Severity	Likelihood/Probability	Risk Score	
The Harbour Authority is striving to deliver an improving service to harbour users.	3	2	6	The Harbour Board, considers many routine issues annually, topical items will be brought to the Board as they arise. The objective being a better service in a safe environment for estuary users.

Corporate priorities engaged:	Community Life Economy Environment
Statutory powers	The Pier & Harbour (Salcombe) Order Act 1954
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 2nd Edition dated 26 March 2012.
Appendices attached:	1. The Marine Navigation Act 2013.

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