

## SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

<b>NAME OF COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Salcombe Harbour Board</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>29 September 2014</b>
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>REVIEW OF CHARGES</b>
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>Salcombe Harbour Master</b>
<b>WARDS AFFECTED</b>	<b>All South Hams</b>

**Summary of Report**

This report has been prepared to enable Board Members to recommend the Harbour rates and charges for 2015/2016.

**RECOMMENDATION****The Harbour Board RECOMMENDS to Council:**

- a. **the changes to the charging policy set out in paragraph 2.1 of this report be approved; and**
- b. **the proposed charges as presented in Appendix A be approved, for implementation from 1 April 2015.**

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**1. BACKGROUND**

1.1 The proposed fees and charges for 2015/16 are based on the outline proposals set out in the Salcombe Harbour Strategic Business Plan 2nd Edition and adopted by Council on 19 July 2012 (**SH 62/11**). The forecast, based on inflation of 4% and a pay award of 1%, was for an annual price increase of 4.8%. Lower actual inflation and operating efficiencies have been able to deliver a lower increase than forecast.

1.2 The budget gap for 2015/16 is £5,800. Detailed proposals to bridge the budget gap are detailed at paragraph 2.

## 2. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

### 2.1 Proposals for 2015/16 Dues and Charges

Item	Amendment proposed	Comment
Third party liability insurance	No change	Currently set at £3m, the industry standard
Facility retention deposit	No change	Currently £125
Foreshore facility rebate	No change	Rebated at £15/wk if temporarily empty foreshore mooring re-let by Harbour Authority
Harbour dues	<b>2% increase</b>	<b>Raises £5400</b>
Mooring fees	No change	
Out of season discounts	No change	50% discount Oct-Mar, 25% discount Apr-Jun and Sept, and '7 nights for the price of 5' throughout the year
Taxi charges	No change	
ICC	No change	Discounted to 60% for 2015/16 in accordance with Harbour Board decision 28 Mar 2011 ( <b>SH 53/10</b> ).
Night security patrol	<b>1% increase</b>	Remains aligned with annual increases in existing contract <b>Raises £400</b>

## 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). Harbour Act 1964

3.2 The Harbour Authority has a wide discretion under the Order Act as amended by the Harbour Act 1964 to demand, take and recover dues from ships, passengers and goods arriving at Salcombe or using harbour facilities.

## 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The proposed budget for 2015/16 has a shortfall of £5,000. An increase of 2% to harbour dues offsets this shortfall.

## 5. RISK ASSESSMENT

5.1 The risk management implications are:

Risk/Opportunity	Risk Status			Mitigating and Management Actions
	Impact/Severity	Likelihood/Probability	Risk Score	
Inflation exceeds the anticipated levels and or the pay award is greater than anticipated and the harbour budget goes into deficit.	3	2	6	Harbour Revenue Reserve account would have to underwrite the deficit.

<b>Corporate priorities engaged:</b>	CP2: Good Jobs CP3: Retain the districts character CP4: A clean district CP5: An accessible Council CP6: Value for money
<b>Consideration of equality and human rights:</b>	There are no equality or human rights issues with this report
<b>Biodiversity considerations:</b>	The budget for the operation of the harbour underpins all the biodiversity initiatives supported by the Harbour Authority
<b>Sustainability considerations:</b>	The budget for the operation of the harbour underpins the sustainability of the harbour and its operations.
<b>Crime and disorder implications:</b>	The budget finances a security patrol within the Harbour limits.
<b>Background Papers:</b>	Strategic Business Plan 2012-2017 dated 26 March 2012. Financial Services Working papers SH 53/10 ICC Moorings
<b>Appendices attached:</b>	Nil

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