

<b>NAME OF COMMITTEE</b>	Salcombe Harbour Board
<b>DATE</b>	20 April 2015
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Adoption of an Environmental Management System
<b>REPORT OF</b>	Salcombe Harbour Master
<b>WARDS AFFECTED</b>	All South Hams

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### Summary of Report

To propose the adoption of an Environmental Management System (EMS).

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Harbour Board RESOLVES to RECOMMEND to Council to:**

- a. **Support and endorse** the adoption of an EMS.

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## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Salcombe was awarded EcoPort status in 2014 following assessment of its environmental attitudes, policies and procedures. The assessment highlighted the lack of up to date EMS, which has subsequently been developed by the Salcombe Harbour Staff following port sector 'best practice'.

## 2. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 The adoption of an EMS will embed environmental considerations into 'business as usual' and assist in stewardship of the natural environment. It should also contribute to cost reductions as staff become more aware of the environmental costs of their activities

## 3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There is no statutory obligation to adopt an EMS but it will assist in ensuring that harbour staff meet their obligations under current and proposed environmental legislation.

## 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications identified in the adoption of an EMS, but if any are highlighted in the future these should be offset by the reduction in environmental 'cost'.

## 6. Risk Assessment

6.1 The risk management implications are:

Risk/Opportunity	Risk Status			Mitigating and Management Actions
	Impact/Severity	Likelihood/Probability	Risk Score	
There is a risk that harbour operations could adversely impact the environment without active management	3	1	3	Adoption of an EMS will minimise adverse environmental impacts to ALARP

<b>Corporate priorities engaged:</b>	Community Life. Economy. Environment.
<b>Statutory powers</b>	The Pier & Harbour (Salcombe) Order Act 1954
<b>Consideration of equality and human rights:</b>	There are no equality or human rights issues associated with the adoption of an EMS.
<b>Biodiversity considerations:</b>	The management of biodiversity is assisted by the adoption of an EMS.
<b>Sustainability considerations:</b>	The management of sustainability is assisted by the adoption of an EMS.
<b>Crime and disorder implications:</b>	Nil
<b>Background Papers:</b>	Nil
<b>Appendices attached:</b>	Salcombe Harbour Environmental Management System

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