

Report to: **Salcombe Harbour Board**  
Date: **11 July 2016**  
Title: **Harbour Master's Report**  
Portfolio Area: **Commercial Services – Cllr Gilbert**  
Wards Affected: **All**

Relevant Scrutiny Committee:

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **N**

Date next steps can be taken: **N/A**  
(e.g. referral on of recommendation or implementation of substantive decision)

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**Recommendations:**

That the Harbour Board **RESOLVES** to note the Harbour Master's report, including the decision to award a night security contract.

**1. Executive summary**

1.1 This report provides the Board with an update on topical issues affecting the Harbour.

**2. Egremont**

2.2 The Harbour Master has held discussions with the Egremont trustees and has been provided with written assurances by a third party to underwrite the cost of refitting the Egremont. The latest plan is for her to be towed to Penzance in September and return in late October.

### **3. Rivermaid**

3.1 The Rivermaid has not been running to timetable thus far this year and negotiations regarding the use of the Jubilee Pier are ongoing. A verbal update will be given to the Board as this is currently subject to review.

### **4. South Pool navigational marks**

4.1 South Pool Parish Council have requested that a set of navigational marks be placed up South Pool creek to assist visiting vessels. This is currently being investigated but is in principal supported by the HM.

### **5. Ice Cream boat**

5.1 A local start-up company has proposed to run an 'ice cream' boat in the Harbour during the peak season and Members' views are sought. This is undoubtedly a potential employment opportunity for the local community but would require strict operating boundaries to avoid undue adverse reaction from visitors.

### **6. Water quality monitoring**

6.1 The Harbour Office and AONB unit have held several meetings with Exeter University regarding opportunities to monitor water quality and gather data for subsequent analysis. The Office will host a student who will be taking a number of sediment samples and also place small monitors on mooring cables at various locations around the estuary. This will have no impact on navigational safety and will be invisible to Harbour Users but should provide an excellent set of baseline for future analysis.

### **7. Electric boat development**

7.1 The recently purchased electric motor has been trialled in a water taxi and proven to be much quieter and more comfortable for customers. However the power requirements to run on battery all day are large (it would require the equivalent of 40 car batteries!) and so electric vehicle manufacturers and others are being approached to make further progress.

### **8. Night security patrol**

8.1 Three night security patrol tender submissions have been received. Two are substantially above the costs of taking the night security patrol 'in house' but one is only slightly more but offers other advantages such as longer patrols than previously; electronic tracking of patrols and an online incident management system which will enable efficient data sharing with other agencies eg the Police. The Harbour Master intends to accept this bid subject to the Board's endorsement.

## 9. Jubilee Pier refurbishment

9.1 A bid has been submitted to the Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) to fund design and development works to refurbish and rebuild the Jubilee Pier. If successful the intention is to complete the works in 2017 and commence fund raising for the actual rebuild. A number of avenues are being explored including 'crowd sourcing' as well as raising future bids to the CCF and other funding agencies.

## 10. Whitestrand improvements

10.1 SHDC have recently submitted a planning application for enhancements to Whitestrand which include building over part of the slipway to generate a waterfront space which is car free.

## 11. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address
Legal/Governance	N	
Financial	Y	The navigational marks would require funding but this is expected to be less than £1000
Risk	Y	There is an increased risk of grounding in South Pool because of the creek silting up; there is a risk that the Egremont will not depart if plans are not successful; there is a risk that the Kingsbridge to Salcombe ferry route falls into abeyance; there is a risk that the ice cream boat could be seen as not 'fitting' the character of the Harbour. All of these risks are assessed as LOW but are subject to ongoing monitoring and review
Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications		
Equality and Diversity	N	None
Safeguarding	N	None
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder	N	No adverse impact
Health, Safety and Wellbeing		No adverse impact
Other implications		

## **Supporting Information**

**Appendices:** None.

**Background Papers:** None.

## **Approval and clearance of report**

<b>Process checklist</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Portfolio Holder briefed	<b>Yes/No</b>
SLT Rep briefed	<b>Yes/No</b>
Relevant Exec Director sign off (draft)	<b>Yes/No</b>
Data protection issues considered	<b>Yes/No</b>
If exempt information, public (part 1) report also drafted. (Committee/Scrutiny)	<b>Yes/No</b>