

Salcombe Harbour Board – 29 November 2005**TOPICAL HARBOUR ISSUES****Report of The Salcombe Harbour Master**

Statutory Powers: The Pier and Harbour Order (Salcombe) Confirmation Act 1954

Financial Implications: None

Purpose

This report informs Members of current and future issues that may affect Salcombe Harbour Board and Salcombe Harbour Kingsbridge Estuary. This report links to the Council's Aim – 'to improve the well being of the people of the South Hams'.

Recommendation

That the Board notes the Report.

The Issues**Pontoon Projects**

1. The Harbour Master has revised and resubmitted the detailed Project Appraisal Form for the three pontoon capital projects to the Council's Senior Management Team for their approval. The revisions include; prioritising the three pontoon replacement projects in light of business need, a review the timetable for tendering and carrying out the works on-site and also carrying out a 'return on investment' analysis of each project. The Harbour Master will update Members at the meeting on the Management Team's decision.

Harbour Guide

2. The publication of next year's harbour guide is almost complete. A short presentation will provide Members with an opportunity to understand further the grant-funding arrangements as well as have the layout and content explained. Members will receive a copy of the final draft of the new guide at the meeting.

Recycling Afloat

3. Research work is now well under way into the creation of a recycling scheme afloat for next season. This has been made possible through the successful grant-funding of £9,500 secured through the AONB Environmental Initiatives programme. The key objective of the initiative is to provide a sustainable system afloat that could become an industry best practice project in time.
4. Once the operational arrangements have been confirmed the Board will be advised at an appropriate meeting.

Environmental Issues

5. The Board representative for English Nature, Miss Laura Heape will give a short presentation on the results of a number of surveys and investigative work undertaken this year in the estuary.

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Background Documents