

**Salcombe Harbour Board, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2004****TOPICAL HARBOUR ISSUES****Report of the Salcombe Harbour Master****Statutory Powers: The Pier and Harbour Order (Salcombe) Confirmation Act 1954**

**Financial implications:** None

**Purpose**

1. This report informs Members of any interesting current or future issues that may affect the Salcombe Harbour Board or Salcombe Harbour Kingsbridge Estuary.

**Recommendation**

That the Board notes the report.

**The Issues**

## Municipal Ports Review

2. At the time of compilation of the Agenda no further information regarding the progress of the review has come out of the Department of Transport. However, a meeting of the BPA Municipal Ports Working Party is expected to be called sometime in November, and if that is the case, the Harbour Master may be in a position to provide Members with a verbal update at today's meeting.

## Salcombe Harbour Kingsbridge Bye-laws

3. Again, at the time of writing the Agenda, no progress can be reported. The Harbour Master has written once again directly to the Department of Transport expressing dismay at the length of the process. The BPA are reported to be having high level meetings with the Department of Transport as Salcombe is not alone in experiencing long delays in the review of bye-laws.

## Mooring Policy Review

4. Work on the review has been unavoidably slow. However, now that the Council's restructuring has bedded in, resources have now been made available to take the review process further. Once Council's legal advice on the review is complete, the review will be brought back to the Board for further consideration. Members' understanding with regard to this issue is sought.

## Oil Pollution Exercise

5. The Harbour Master will provide a verbal update on the proposed oil pollution exercise due to be held in Salcombe Harbour on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2004. Members who attended the event may wish to comment on the exercise.

## Scoble Transits

6. The Harbour Master has submitted a planning application for the re-organisation of the transit lights as per the Board's request. The Council's Property Services Manager is engaged with the landowner on whose land the lights are sited in drawing up the lease arrangements. The results of the outstanding issues will be brought back to the Board once work by officers has been completed.

## Slipway Management

7. It was agreed at the last Board that a number of Members would meet with the Harbour Master to discuss the results of the summer survey on the slipway at Batson conducted by the Board's RYA representative. A date has now been agreed to progress this specific piece of work. The outcome of this work will be brought back to the appropriate Board meeting.

## Environmental Issues

8. The Marine Conservation Officer will provide the Board with a verbal update on topical conservation issues from in and around the Salcombe Harbour Kingsbridge Estuary.

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Harbour Master

Salcombe Harbour Board  
30th November 2004

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Marine Conservation Officer

## **Background Documents**

None

