Minutes of the Harbour Committee

18 March 2024

-: Present :-

Councillor Amil (Chairwoman)

Councillors Carter, Fox, Penny, Twelves (Vice-Chair), Bye and Strang

External Advisors: Mr Day

50. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Harbour Committee held on 4 December 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairwoman, subject to Minute 48 being amended to read 'Members were concerned about the risk associated with this and that the Fish Toll levels were volatile and subject to fluctuation in market forces, and this would need to be kept under review by the Committee'.

51. Review of Delegated Authority

Members noted the Review of Delegated Authority report as presented by the Tor Bay Harbour Master.

52. Budget Monitoring 2023/2024

Members considered a report which provided an update on the overall budgetary position for Tor Bay Harbour Authority as of October 2023 compared against the budget approved in December 2022.

Members were concerned about the pressures on the harbour budget, and particularly the Tor Bay Harbour Masters concerns regarding staff retention.

The Harbour Committee noted:

- i. the amended revenue outturn projections and adjustments to the Reserve (set out at appendix 1 to the submitted report);
- ii. the change in projected level of the harbour reserves by end 2023/24 (below the Committee's recommended level);
- iii. the Head of Torbay Harbour Authority's' use of delegated powers to make decisions in relation to the harbour budget; and
- iv. the Harbour Master's use of delegated powers to waive certain harbour charges (not exercised in the current year to date).

Chairman