

TORBAY COUNCIL

Report No: **241/2006**

Title: **Harbour and Maritime Strategy**

To: Harbour Committee on 13th September 2006

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To advise the Harbour Committee of the current position with the new Harbour and Maritime Strategy.

2. Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 Tor Bay Harbour and Torbay's maritime setting have strong links to the Community Plan themes of Improving Torbay's Economy, Valuing our Environment, Developing Torbay's Culture and Creating Sustainable Communities.

3. Recommendation(s)

3.1 It is recommended that:

- i) **Members note the draft Harbour and Maritime Strategy, together with the Consultation Questionnaire and List of Consultees, as set out in Appendices 1, 2 & 3.**
- ii) **Members note the analysis of returned questionnaires as set out in Appendix 4.**
- iii) **Members note the summary of additional comments as set out in Appendix 5.**
- iv) **the Harbour Committee identify any specific issues or concerns they wish to be raised in respect of the draft Strategy set out in Appendix 1 or the comments summarised in Appendix 5.**

4. Reason for Recommendation(s)

- 4.1 To date a Harbour and Maritime Strategy does not exist for Torbay and the draft document makes it clear why one is needed.
- 4.2 Development of a new Harbour and Maritime Strategy and its adoption into the Council's Policy Framework, clearly requires the full support and understanding of the Harbour Committee.
- 4.3 The views of the Harbour Committee are required on this new strategy before a recommendation can be made to the Council for adoption as part of the Policy Framework.

5. Key Risks associated with the Recommendation(s)

- 5.1 There are no risks associated with these recommendations.

6. Alternative Options (if any)

- 6.1 To continue without a specific harbour and maritime strategy.

7. Background

- 7.1 There is an increasing recognition that the major asset of Torbay and the attribute that uniquely defines its character is – the Bay. However no strategy, to date, has been formulated for this major attribute covering the various uses possible for the Bay, and defining its potential contribution to the economy and to the quality of life for visitors and residents.
- 7.2 The draft Harbour and Maritime Strategy identifies the issues and opportunities facing Tor Bay Harbour and the Bay's maritime environment in the future, and sets out a cohesive and forward thinking plan to ensure that the harbour not only operates effectively, but that appropriate use is made of all water and harbour side facilities and opportunities are maximised.
- 7.3 Details of an emerging Harbour and Maritime Strategy have previously been presented to the Harbour Committee, the Overview & Scrutiny Board, the Business Forum and the Board of the Torbay Development Agency Ltd. Following initial feedback from these presentations a first draft Harbour and Maritime Strategy was sent out for wider consultation in July 2006. The document was also placed on the Marine Services website and responses via a questionnaire (Appendix 2) were requested by 11th August 2006.
- 7.4 Approximately 220 questionnaires were circulated to a range of consultees (Appendix 3). Ten completed questionnaires have been returned and these have subsequently been analysed in Appendix 4. In addition to the ten questionnaires there have been eight other responses containing a variety of comments, which have been summarised in Appendix 5. A total of eighteen responses provide an approximate response rate of 8%.

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Appendices

Appendix 1	Draft Harbour and Maritime Strategy
Appendix 2	Harbour and Maritime Strategy – Consultation Questionnaire
Appendix 3	Harbour and Maritime Strategy – List of Consultees
Appendix 4	Analysis of Questionnaires
Appendix 5	Summary of Additional Comments

Background Papers:

The following documents/files were used to compile this report:

Planning Guide for Boating Facilities – British Marine Federation and Royal Yachting Association
Tourism in Torbay – Tourism Strategy 2005 – 2015
UK National Strategic Plan for Fisheries
www.gunwharf-quays.com