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Dear

On the 3rd December 2007 the Harbour Committee will consider two proposals to increase the harbour charges for 2008/09. The proposals are to increase the charges by either a representative average increase of 5% or 7%. It is appropriate for the proposed increase in charges to be subject to consultation with the three Harbour Users organisations. After the consultation has taken place, the views of the Harbour Users organisations, together with those of the Liaison Forums, will be reported to the Harbour Committee. The Harbour Committee may of course decide to increase the charges by more or less than the recommended 5% or 7%.

As Chairman of the Paignton/Torquay/Brixham Harbour Users Association, can you kindly arrange for the necessary consultation within your user group. I will require the views of your organisation by the 12th November 2007. If Harbour Users find the proposed charges are unacceptable to them, then it is important to note that the Harbour Committee would normally require your group to clearly identify alternative income streams or savings.

If you require a Harbour Master to attend your consultation meeting, or if you require any further information regarding harbour charges then please contact me directly. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Capt K P Mowat

Harbour Master - Director of Marine Services