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Title: **Tor Bay Harbour Authority Budget Monitoring 2010/11**

Wards Affected: **All Wards in Torbay**

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1. Key points and Summary

- 1.1 This report provides Members with projections of income and expenditure for the year 2010/11 compared with approved budgets.
- 1.2 This report identifies the overall budgetary position for Tor Bay Harbour Authority as at end of July 2010 to enable appropriate action to contain expenditure and maintain reserves at appropriate levels.
- 1.3 The Committee is asked to note any amended outturn positions of the two harbour accounts and the resulting change in reserve movements.
- 1.4 The Committee is asked to note the use of delegated powers by the Executive Head of Tor Bay Harbour Authority to make decisions in relation to the budget allocated to Tor Bay Harbour.
- 1.5 Both Harbour accounts are currently expected to show a worse position to the approved budget. A reduction in income from Torquay and Brixham marinas was reported at the previous meeting. There is now additional pressure on both accounts arising from new and backdated rating assessments (please see the notes in Appendix 1).
- 1.6 The Committee is asked to note the Harbour Master's use of delegated powers to waive certain harbour charges, which this financial year amounts to £4185.73 (ex VAT) and which have been spread across both harbour accounts. No additional charges have been levied.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 The Tor Bay Harbour Authority budget was approved by the Harbour Committee on 7 December 2009.
- 2.2 This is the second budget monitoring report presented to the Harbour Committee for the financial year 2010/11.

2.3 The projected outturn at Appendix 1 reflects amendments to the budget made within the Executive Head's delegated powers. Details of each amendment can be found in the associated note.

2.4 The performance against budget is summarised below:

	Original Budget 2010/11 £000	Current Budget 2010/11 £000	Projected Outturn 2010/11 £000
Torquay and Paignton Harbours Surplus/(Deficit)	6	(16)	(34)
Brixham Harbour Surplus/(Deficit)	(27)	(32)	(45)

2.5 The current progress of Harbour capital schemes is detailed below:

	Total Budget £000	Actual to Date (including prior years) £000	Projected Outturn £000	Notes
Torquay Harbour – Town Dock	1,140	1,153	1,153	(i)
Torquay Harbour – Haldon Pier (Phase 1) [General Fund element]	1,200 [600]	1,200 [464]	1,200 [600]	(ii)
Brixham Harbour – Various Repairs	640	647	649	(iii)
Brixham Harbour – New Fish Quay Development	4,750	3,200	4,750	(iv)
Brixham Breakwater Repairs	150	0	150	(v)

- (i) Additional costs have been incurred to protect the structure from accelerated low water corrosion. This expenditure was not originally expected. The project, otherwise, has been delivered on budget. The final payment has now been authorised.
- (ii) The seaward repair elements of sprayed concrete and rock armouring are now complete. Further survey work has been undertaken on the inside face which has led to additional emergency repairs which have also been completed. Trial repair methods will now be explored and implemented to complete Phase 1 ahead of the anticipated external funding contribution from the Environment Agency.
- (iii) Further repair work is required to the ladders and fenders. Funding for this spend has been approved from the Brixham Harbour reserve but is not currently reflected in the Capital Plan.

- (iv) Work commenced in February 2008 and is due for completion this autumn. The servicing of prudential borrowing will not be required until the latter stages of the project. Borrowing has been approved up to £4.75m to be serviced from the Brixham Harbour account.
- (v) It is expected that the Environment Agency will approve grant funding for a further report on this structure as officers seek to have the breakwater recognised as a flood defence. The capital work has therefore been postponed until further reports are available.

2.6 Under the Council's Scheme of Delegation the Harbour Master can vary (by addition or waiver (in full or as to part)) the approved Schedule of Harbour Charges in such manner as shall be considered reasonable. However, the Harbour Master shall maintain a proper written record of all variations approved using the delegated powers and shall, at least twice a year, report to the Harbour Committee the total value of the additional charges levied and the total value of the charges waived (see paragraph 1.6).

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Harbour Revenue Accounts 2010/11

Documents available in members' rooms

None

Background Papers:

None