

Record of Decisions

Torquay Town Dock Infrastructure Improvements

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 21 September 2021.

Decision

That Cabinet recommends to Council;

- i) that borrowing is approved for up to £1.2m for the Torquay Town Dock infrastructure improvements, as set out in the submitted report, and that the Harbour budget will meet the additional borrowing costs, expected to be £115,500 per annum, from increased revenue, commencing in 2024/25; and
- ii) that the Torquay Town Dock Infrastructure Improvements Project be added to the Council's Capital Programme.

Reason for the Decision

If the deterioration in the Town Dock is allowed to continue it will impact on the income from the sale of Town Dock berths. Although the current infrastructure is still useable it could take three years to completely replace all the pontoons and more serious deterioration is likely to occur over this timescale, therefore the project needs to start as soon as possible to prevent having to close sections of the Town Dock and lose income.

Implementation

The recommendations of the Cabinet will be considered at the Council meeting on 30 September 2021.

Information

The current pontoons used for annual customer berthing on the Town Dock were installed in 2007. Some fourteen years later they are now exhibiting signs that they are coming to the end of their useful life. The piles are still in good condition but the steel work that make up the floating pontoon sections is corroded to an extent that they are starting to lose their structural integrity.

The Council was asked to support capital spend in order to carry out urgent and essential pontoon replacement and repair works to the Torquay Town Dock in order for project works to commence during the winter of 2021/22.

At the meeting Councillor Cowell proposed and Councillor Carter seconded a motion that was unanimously agreed by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

No other options were considered.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

No

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet