

Minutes of the Harbour Committee

5 January 2026

-: Present :-

Councillor Strang (Chair)

Councillors Carter (Vice-Chair), Fellows, Penny and Twelves

27. Minutes

This item was deferred as the minutes were not available to Members at the meeting.

28. Declarations of interest

There were no interests declared.

29. Harbour Masters Safety and Management Report

The Deputy Harbour Masters, George O'Rourke and Oliver Parker, presented the report as published. Members considered the accidents and injuries that had occurred within Harbour Estate, and the Deputy Harbour Masters outlined the actions taken to date to prevent future reoccurrences, as well as ongoing investigations being held, both internally and by outside bodies.

Members questioned SWISCO's responsibilities in relation to public realm areas of Harbour estate and noted that SWISCO had responsibility for inspections and recommendations, however the Harbour Authority retained overall responsibility of the public realm areas within Harbour Estate.

Members queried specific safety incidents and ongoing actions, Lease and License reviews, the environmental treatment of waste materials, staffing and training issues and abandoned vessels.

Members noted the submitted report.

30. Harbour Budget 2026/27 and Schedule of Fees and Charges

The Harbour Committee considered a report which set out the Tor Bay Harbour Authority Budget for 2026/2027 and the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

Members noted the reserve fund projections, explanation of the precise reporting lines and delegation levels for reserve spends, and where authority lay for the

approval of amendments, overspends and alterations to projects projected to be funded via the Harbour Authority reserve.

Resolved (unanimously):

1. subject to public consultation commencing mid-January 2026, that the Tor Bay Harbour Authority schedule of charges dues and fees 2026/27 as set out in appendix 1 of the submitted report be approved, and
2. that the Cabinet be recommended to include the proposed balanced budget for the Harbour Authority 2026/27 and subject to consideration of comments received during the consultation period, the associated Schedule of Charges, Dues and Fees 2026/27, as set out in Appendix 1 and 2 of the submitted report, in its budget proposals to Council.

31. Port and Marine Facilities Safety Code Action Plan

The Committee received the submitted report on the Port and Marine Facilities Safety Code Action Plan. Members queried the feasibility of the action plan and noted that the plan was extremely ambitious. Officers confirmed that the outcomes were achievable, noting that resources were being well directed, and that momentum was strong.

Members noted the Port and Marine Facilities Safety Code Action Plan report as presented by the Director of Tor Bay Harbour Authority.

Chair