

Meeting: Harbour Committee

Date: 16th December 2019

Wards Affected: All wards in Torbay

Report Title: Use of Harbour Authority Reserves to undertake Health and Safety Improvements

Is the decision a key decision? Yes

When does the decision need to be implemented? 16 December 2019

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1. Proposal and Introduction

1.1 This report seeks authorisation to undertake a number of necessary infrastructure improvements in this and the next financial year to deliver Health, Safety and Environmental improvements. These improvements to be financed from the Harbour Authority Revenue Reserves.

2. Reason for Proposal and associated financial commitments

2.1 HSE and EA reports concerning Brixham Harbour have all independently raised concerns about aspects of harbour infrastructure, particularly some fenders, bollards and ladders. This report seeks funding to undertake repairs. In particular:

- Replace worn mooring bollards around the MFV basin, Brixham
- Install additional mooring bollards on Middle Pier, Brixham as more are needed to berth safely
- Repair (or replace) 2 sections of pontoon walkway in Torquay harbour which is damaged
- Repair and upgrade quay-wall ladders around Brixham harbour which require lengthened hand-rails to improve safe accessibility
- Repair or replace worn, damaged or missing wooden fenders on quay walls around Brixham harbour to improve safe berthing and protect infrastructure.

2.2 Likely costs for these repairs are as follows:

Town Dock Pontoon Joints	£30,000
Ladders (Brixham)	£12,000
Replace fenders (Brixham)	£30,000
Extra Fendering (Brixham)	£30,000
Bollards (Brixham)	£15,000
Torquay Town Dock repairs	£10,000
Replacement of Fenders (Torquay)	£15,000
Safety Repairs New Fish Quay/East Quay - step treads/cablings	£7,000
Safety Repairs New Fish Quay/East Quay	£8,000
Safety repairs to South Pier Plinth	£3,000
Fume extraction equipment	£5,000

2.3 This proposal commits the Harbour Authority to expenditure of up to £165,000 from the Harbour Revenue Reserves.

Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

3.1 That the Director of Place be recommended to approve the allocation of £165,000 from Harbour Revenue Reserves to implement necessary Health and Safety related infrastructure improvements.

Appendices

None

Background Documents

Section 1: Background Information

1.	What is the proposal / issue? To undertake necessary infrastructure improvements in Tor Bay's enclosed ports.
2.	What is the current situation? A number of ladders, bollards, fenders and pontoons have either reached the end of their safe working lives, or been damaged through use, or are in need or repair. Given the current focus on safety and environmental issues in ports and harbours it is considered necessary to undertake a concerted programme of improvements to ensure that Tor Bay remains compliant
3.	What options have been considered? Not to upgrade or replace the worn or missing items but this would put the Harbour Authority at risk of regulatory or statutory non-compliance. This is not recommended.
4.	What is the relationship with the priorities within the Partnership Memorandum and the Council's Principles? This supports a safe and healthy Torbay and contributes to a thriving economy.
5.	How does this proposal/issue contribute towards the Council's responsibilities as corporate parents? Not applicable.
6.	How does this proposal/issue tackle poverty, deprivation and vulnerability? Not applicable.
7.	How does the proposal/issue impact on people with learning disabilities? Not applicable.
8.	Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with? How will the Council engage with the community? How can the Council empower the community? The upgrades have been sought by the stakeholders who attend the Brixham Harbour Users forum and additionally the Commercial Fishers' forum. Delivering this project would empower the community.

Section 2: Implications and Impact Assessment

9.	What are the financial and legal implications? Approval will result in up to £165,000 of expenditure from the Harbour's Revenue Reserves.
10.	What are the risks? If replacement is not approved then then the Harbour Authority is at risk of regulatory non-compliance. There is also the risk of reputational damage among harbour stakeholders.
11.	Public Services Value (Social Value) Act 2012 Not applicable.
12.	What evidence / data / research have you gathered in relation to this proposal? HSE inspection reports EA inspection reports SSG inspection reports Council H&S inspection reports TDA infrastructure inspection reports
13.	What are key findings from the consultation you have carried out? To undertake necessary improvements.
14.	Amendments to Proposal / Mitigating Actions None

Equality Impacts

15.	Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups			
	Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact	
Older or younger people	Better health and safety environment on the harbour estate			
People with caring Responsibilities	Better health and safety environment on the harbour estate			
People with a disability	Better health and safety environment on the harbour estate			
Women or men	Better health and safety environment on the harbour estate			
People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) <i>(Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)</i>	Better health and safety environment on the harbour estate			
Religion or belief (including lack of belief)	Better health and safety environment on the harbour estate			
People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual	Better health and safety environment on the harbour estate			
People who are transgendered	Better health and safety environment on the harbour estate			
People who are in a marriage or civil partnership	Better health and safety environment on the harbour estate			
Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave	Better health and safety environment on the harbour estate			

	Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)	Better health and safety environment on the harbour estate	
	Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)	Better health and safety environment on the harbour estate	
16.	Cumulative Impacts – Council wide (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	No effect	
17.	Cumulative Impacts – Other public services (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	No effect	