

**Meeting: Harbour Committee**

**Date: 22 March 2021**

**Wards Affected: All**

**Report Title: Tor Bay Harbour Operational Moorings & Facilities Policy**

**Is the decision a key decision? No**

**When does the decision need to be implemented? N/A**

**Cabinet Member Contact Details: Not a Cabinet function**

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## **1. Proposal and Introduction**

1.1 This report proposes changes to the Operational Moorings and Facilities Policy following annual review.

## **2. Reason for Proposal and associated financial commitment**

2.1 Local harbour legislation, byelaws and the harbour's terms and conditions governs the use of moorings and harbour facilities. These are codified in the Operational Moorings and Facilities Policy, which is subject to annual review.

2.2 The policy ensures that a consistent and equitable approach is applied to new and existing facility users. It does not form part of the Council's strategic policy framework.

2.3 We have made a number of minor amendments (eg typos) and removed the cap on some mooring waiting lists.

2.4 There are no new financial commitments associated with the adoption of this policy.

## **3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision**

3.1 That the Harbour Committee adopts the Operational Moorings and Facilities Policy.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Operational Moorings and Facilities Policy.

## **Background Documents**

Nil

<b>Section 1: Background Information</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>What is the proposal / issue?</b> The Tor Bay Harbour Authority annually review their Operational Moorings and Facilities Policy to ensure that it remains aligned with the evolving needs of both its stakeholders and the Service. This report proposes these changes to the Harbour Committee for discussion and endorsement.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>What is the current situation?</b> This new edition contains a number of minor administrative corrections and proposes the lifting of the cap on some waiting lists</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>What is the relationship with the priorities within the Partnership Memorandum and the Council's Principles?</b></p> <p>The well-regulated provision of harbour moorings and facilities for harbour users positively contributes to the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thriving People</li> <li>• Thriving Economy</li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>How does this proposal/issue contribute towards the Council's responsibilities as corporate parents?</b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>How does this proposal/issue tackle poverty, deprivation and vulnerability?</b></p> <p>Tor Bay harbour is a regional focus for maritime-related employment: it is a thriving maritime recreational and leisure hub of national renown and also accommodates the largest fishing port in England and Wales by value of catch landed.</p> <p>A healthy, safe and efficient Bay is also a key driver for non-maritime sectors such as tourism, environment, R&amp;D etc.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>How does the proposal/issue impact on people with learning disabilities?</b></p> <p>No discernible impact</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>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?</b></p> <p>All harbour stakeholders, including maritime and non- maritime businesses are affected.</p> <p>Consultation is effected through regular harbour stakeholder liaison forums who are empowered to provide feedback via the Harbour Committee to the Council</p>

<b>Section 2: Implications and Impact Assessment</b>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>What are the financial and legal implications?</b>  None
<b>10.</b>	<b>What are the risks?</b>  There is a risk that, without a codified policy, the Authority could not demonstrate transparency and fairness when allocating facilities.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Public Services Value (Social Value) Act 2012</b>  N/A
<b>12.</b>	<b>What evidence / data / research have you gathered in relation to this proposal?</b>  Feedback from harbour users and liaison forums Feedback from Committee members Feedback from fishing industry leaders Previous Harbour Committee reports
<b>13.</b>	<b>What are key findings from the consultation you have carried out?</b>  None.
<b>14.</b>	<b>Amendments to Proposal / Mitigating Actions</b>  Continue to deliver visible improvements to the harbour infrastructure.