

Harbours Committee

9 December 2020

Renewal of Weymouth Gig Rowing Club Lease

For Recommendation to Council

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Recommendation:

1. To recommend to Full Council that the lease for the Weymouth Rowing Club be renewed for an interim period of 3 years from 25 March 2020.
2. To recommend to Full Council that the Harbours Committee be given delegated authority to determine further interim renewals of the lease if necessary.
3. To recommend to Full Council that the Harbours Committee be given delegated authority to determine whether to grant a full lease for a period of 25 years from 25 March 2020 once the Harbour Revision Order has been approved.

Reason for Recommendation: The Gig Rowing Club continue to be an integral part of the harbour and have an active membership. The renewal is a short-term temporary arrangement until a longer term lease can be considered once the Harbour Revision Order has been approved.

1. **Executive Summary** The purpose of the report is to seek the agreement of the Harbours Committee to recommend to Full Council that the lease for the Weymouth Gig Rowing Club be renewed for an interim 3-year period and such other interim periods as may be required. In addition, to recommend to Full Council that the Harbours Committee be given delegated authority to determine whether to grant a lease for a full term of 25 years. This interim lease is based on a proposed full lease for 25 years. The terms of the lease have been agreed with the Rowing Club on a subject to contract basis.
2. **Financial Implications** The financial implications of the lease are detailed in the confidential Appendix 2.
3. **Well-being and Health Implications** The Gig Rowing Club has a strong membership and is a frequent user of harbour waters. The support and activities provided to the Community by the Club impact positively on the well-being and health of its members.
4. **Climate implications** Gig rowing is a sport that has minimal impact on the climate
5. **Other Implications** There are no direct implications arising from this report
6. **Risk Assessment** Having considered the risks associated with this decision, the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: Low
Residual Risk: Low
7. **Equalities Impact Assessment** There are no equalities implications arising from this report
8. The Rowing Club have a clubhouse and boat shed on the south shore of the harbour on Nothe Parade, a property that is under the jurisdiction of the Statutory Harbour Authority. The land is not required for any other harbour purposes. The rent belongs to the Statutory Harbour Authority and will be applied for harbour purposes.
9. Authority was given by the Statutory Harbour Authority (Full Council) on 22nd February 2018 to prepare and submit a Harbour Revision Order (HRO) to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) in order to modernise and consolidate the current dated legislation relating to the Harbour operations. The latest estimate for approval of the HRO is January/February 2021 as there have been some further delays due to the

MMO raising additional queries. Once these have been resolved the approval will be dependent on when it can be laid before Parliament.

10. The Rowing Club have over recent years liaised with the Harbour Authority and Weymouth Sailing Club to refine the water access to the slipway and their pontoons, increasing the safety in the area.
11. Apart from the financial and other business details (such as rent, pontoon arrangements, use of slipways, restrictions on use and upkeep arrangements) which are set out in the confidential Appendix 2, the key points of the interim lease are as follows:

Rowing Club Lease Key Points	
1. CIO	Weymouth Rowing Club is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation with Company number CE006504 and with Charity number 1166755.
2. Term	The term is for 3 years from 25 March 2020.
3. Plan at Appendix 1	The land and buildings known as Weymouth Rowing Club buildings, Nothe Parade, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8TX are shown edged red on the plan.

12. Appendices

Appendix 1: Proposed plan of land to be leased

Appendix 2: Exempt Appendix 2 sets out financial and other business details proposed for the interim lease and full lease.

13. Background Papers

None.

Footnote:

Issues relating to financial, legal, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.