

CHAIR HARBOUR MANAGEMENT BOARD'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Harbour Management Board (HMB) would like to note the current good state of operation of Weymouth Harbour as its governance is passed to Dorset Council on 1 April 2019.

In respect to the achievement of this position, HMB would like to express its thanks and appreciation to the Harbour Master and everyone in the harbour team for their service. HMB would also like to express its thanks and appreciation to the councillors and independent members, past and present, who have served on HMB.

Furthermore, HMB would like to extend its best wishes to those who will take over custodianship of Weymouth Harbour within the new governance arrangements under Dorset Council. HMB hopes the new structure will continue to recognise the unique and vital contribution the harbour makes to the overall economic success of Weymouth, as well as its role in shaping the identity and cultural life of the community.

Finally, HMB would like the new governance structure to note that there has been growing enthusiasm within HMB and across the town for Weymouth Harbour to eventually become a Trust Port so that the harbour's operation will continue to serve and be guided by the community, while gaining greater independence of action. HMB would encourage the new governance structure to give this possible future due consideration when formulating its plans.

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Chair HMB
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