

Date of Meeting: 4 December 2019

Portfolio Holder: Cllr R Bryan, Highways, Travel and Environment

Local Member(s): Cllr K Wheller, Chair Harbours Committee

Director: John Sellgren, Executive Director of Place

Executive Summary:

The purpose of the report is to set out the budget requirement for the Harbour Revenue Budgets for Weymouth, Bridport and Lyme Regis Harbours for 2020/21 and beyond. This requirement includes Scales of Charges for all harbours and the Asset Management Plan Improvements for Weymouth.

For Weymouth Harbour:

- The Quayside Regeneration Project will impact on many aspects of the harbour budget in 20/21 and beyond. These are partially unknowns at this stage but will become clearer as the Project matures and evolves beyond the current concept stage. It is hoped the improvements will also be positive financially.
- A commitment of £100K has been made to the Weymouth Quay Regeneration Project and up to £250K for the demolition and making good of the Terminal Building. These figures are expected to be raised from the additional income from Harbour Authority land and have not been included yet in the 20/21 budget.
- This budget does not include the additional revenue and expenses which will be part of the harbour budget from 1st April 2019, linked to the areas defined by the Harbour Revision Order. The financial management of this is still being considered but needs to be resolved.
- It is recognised that the expenditure is greater than the income in 2020/21. Careful consideration of the Asset Management Plan will be key to the financial success of the harbour. The intention is to maximise the life of items and so reviewing the Plan on a regular basis.

For Bridport Harbour:

- Inflationary increases have been applied across all budget lines. Additional employee costs relate to boat maintenance and mechanical services provided by the harbour and are recovered through income (with some surplus) for this service.

- The Supplies and Services budget has increased significantly as there is no longer external funding to dredge the outer harbour. This is an annual requirement that cost in the region of £85k. In addition, £80k is also required every four years for inner Harbour dredging, and a dredging reserve is maintained for this purpose. In order to fund both area of dredging, West Bay Harbour would need an annual budget increase from £25k to £100k.
- £20k is required to complete timber piling, half of which is being done in 2019/20.

For Lyme Regis Harbour:

- Inflationary increases have been applied across all budget lines.
- The Supplies and Services budget has increased to accommodate the legal costs related to the development of the Lyme Regis Harbour Revision Order.
- The harbour dredge is approximately £80 - £100k every three/four years. The annual budget of £25k is placed into a reserve ready to fund the dredging when required.

For Bridport and Lyme Regis Harbours, the proposed budgets do not include any income or expenditure linked to land and buildings currently defined as, or likely to be defined as harbour assets in forthcoming Harbour Revision Orders planned for both harbours.

Equalities Impact Assessment:

There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

Budget:

The report covers the harbours' budgets.

Risk Assessment:

Having considered the risks associated with this decision, the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: MEDIUM
Residual Risk: MEDIUM

The Harbours' Budget Monitoring Report helps manage the risks of under or overspending the budget. Many items of expenditure have a link to safety of customers and the general public.

Climate implications:

There are no climate implications arising from this report. However, in utilising future budgets every effort will be made where possible to consider how carbon output can be minimised and operations more sustainable.

Other Implications:

The Harbours' Budget funds items that have implications for sustainability, property and assets, voluntary organisations, community safety and physical activity. The implications are considered for individual items when funding commitment is being approved.

Harbour issues are subject to regular consultation with customers, the Harbour Consultative Groups and the Harbours Committee.

The harbours' accounts form part of the Council's overall Statement of Accounts, which is considered and approved by the Audit Committee.

Recommendation:

To approve the following related to budget requirements for the Harbours' Budgets for 2020/21 including:

1. That the 2020/21 Weymouth Harbour budget be included in the overall Dorset Council 2020/21 budget.
2. Approving the scale of charges for 2020/21 for Weymouth Harbour.
3. Approving the Asset Management Plan Improvements for 20/21 for Weymouth Harbour subject to a mid year review for the annotated items.
4. That the 2020/21 Bridport Harbour budget be included in the overall Dorset Council 2020/21 budget.
5. That the 2020/21 Lyme Regis Harbour budget be included in the overall Dorset Council 2020/21 budget.
6. Approving the scale of charges for 2020/21 for Bridport and Lyme Regis Harbours

Reason for Recommendation:

The Harbours Committee has the responsibility for the harbours' finances including budget setting, budget monitoring and the final outturn at the year end.

Appendices:

1. A. Weymouth Harbour Medium Term Financial Plan.
B. Weymouth Harbour Asset Management Plan Improvements 20/21.
C. Weymouth Harbour Scale of Charges 20/21.
D. Weymouth Harbour Scale of Charges Significant Changes 20/21.
2. Bridport Harbour 2020/21 budget requirement.
3. Lyme Regis Harbour 2020/21 budget requirement.
4. A. Bridport and Lyme Regis Harbours Scale of Charges 20/21.
B. Bridport and Lyme Regis Harbours Scale of Charges Significant Changes 20/21.

Background Papers:

There are no background papers.

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