

Harbours Committee

Appointments of Co-Opted Independent Members of the Harbours Committee

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:

- To endorse the nomination of the Harbours Committee's Appointments Panel for one new Co-opted Independent Member, Mr Lee Hardy, as provided for in the Constitution.
- To endorse the appointment for a second 3-year period for one Co-opted Independent Member, Mr Matt Walkden as provided for in the Constitution.

Equalities Impact Assessment:

There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

Budget:

The Co-opted Independent Members receive an allowance of £350 per annum plus expenses for attending meetings. This is covered by the Harbours' budgets.

Risk Assessment:

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

Current Risk: LOW
Residual Risk: LOW

Climate implications:

There are no direct climate implications arising from this report.

Other Implications:

There are no other implications arising from this report.

Recommendations:

The following 2 recommendations are forwarded to Full Council for approval:

1. that Lee Hardy be appointed as a Co-opted Independent Member of the Harbours Committee for an initial term of three years.
2. that Matt Walkden be appointed as Co-opted Independent Member of the Harbours Committee for a second term of three years.

Reason for Recommendation:

To ensure the Membership of the Harbours Committee is in accordance with the Dorset Council Constitution and industry best practice.

A vacancy existed after 3 of 4 Co-opted Independent Members transferred from Weymouth's Harbour Management Board to Dorset Council's Harbours Committee. The vacancy was advertised widely in the usual way.

A Selection Panel comprising the Chair of the Committee Councillor Kate Wheller, Councillor Rob Hughes and Councillor Mark Roberts, supported by Weymouth Harbour Master, interviewed 5 candidates for co-opted membership of the Harbours Committee on 14th October 2019. The Panel concluded that Lee Hardy be recommended for approval by the Harbour Committee and Full Council. Lee lives in Dorset and has wide experience in marine affairs, management and business.

Matt Walkden has contributed widely in his first 3 years with the Weymouth Harbour Management Board and latterly the Harbours Committee and is supported in his request to complete a 2nd 3-year appointment.

Appendices:

Nil

Background Papers:

Dorset Council Constitution

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