

# Harbours Committee

## 16 June 2021

### Renewal of Weymouth Gig Rowing Club Lease

#### For Decision

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

**Local Councillor(s):** Cllr M Roberts, Chair Harbours Committee

**Executive Director:** John Sellgren, Executive Director of Place

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**Report Status:** Exempt/Confidential

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#### Recommendations:

That the committee would be minded to approve and authorise the grant to the Weymouth Rowing Club C.I.O. of a lease for a period of 25 years from 25 March 2020 on the terms outlined in the report and appendices and recommends that the Executive Director of Place takes the decision accordingly.

#### Reason for Recommendation:

The Gig Rowing Club continue to be an integral part of the harbour and have an active membership. Granting a new Lease is in accordance with the Dorset Full Council decision on 16 February 2021, to grant delegated authority to the Harbours Committee to determine whether to grant a full lease for a period for 25 years from the 25 March 2020 once the Weymouth Harbour Revision Order had been approved. The Weymouth Harbour Revision Order 2021 is now approved and came into force earlier this year.

#### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek approval from the Harbours Committee for the renewal of a lease for the Weymouth Gig Rowing Club for a term of 25 years. The terms of the lease have been agreed

with the Rowing Club and are to include provision for a hardstanding to the side.

- 1.2 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 Harbour Authority. The Council confirm that the land (to be leased) is not required for any other harbour purposes and that the rent belongs to the Statutory Harbour Authority and will be applied for harbour purposes.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 Apart from the financial and other business details (such as rent, pontoon arrangements, use of slipways, restrictions on use, business security of tenure and upkeep arrangements) which are set out in the confidential Appendix 2, the key points of the lease are as follows:

<b>Rowing Club Lease Key Points</b>	
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 25 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.

## **2. Financial Implications**

The financial implications of the lease are detailed in the confidential Appendix 2.

## **3. Well-being and Health Implications**

Rowing is a singular or team exercise that is beneficial physically and mentally to participants of all ages.

## **4 Climate implications**

Gig rowing is a sport that has minimal impact on the climate.

## **5 Other Implications**

There are no other 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. Appendices**

Appendix 1. Proposed plan of Land to be leased & use of adjoining water by Weymouth Rowing Club.

Appendix 2. Exempt Appendix 2 sets out financial and other business details for the Lease.

## **9. Background Papers**

1. Report to Harbours Committee on the 9 December 2020 and Minute 28 of that Meeting
2. Recommendation to Dorset Full Council on the 16 February 2021 and Minute 57 of that Meeting.

### **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.