

HARBOURS COMMITTEE – Extract from Dorset Council Constitution (Part 1 – Articles – Article 8 – Committees and Boards)

8.15 Role/Terms of Reference and Membership

- (a) The Harbours Committee shall be primarily responsible for exercising functions of the Council as a harbour authority as defined in the Harbours Act 1964 and any other functions arising under any local Act and/or byelaw in respect of the operational issues in relation to harbour land of any harbours within the area of the Council not dealt with through any other mechanism.
- (b) The Harbours Committee shall have the power to determine income and expenditure matters relating to the harbours for which it is responsible but:
 - (i) in the case of income, only to the extent that Full Council has expressly resolved that such matters may be determined by the Harbours Committee; and
 - (ii) in the case of expenditure only up to its budget.
- (c) The Harbours Committee will consist of 10 persons comprising 6 Members and 4 other persons who are not Members all appointed by Full Council.
- (d) The quorum of the Harbours Committee shall be no less than 3 persons appointed to the Harbours Committee but must in all cases be made up of a majority consisting of Members.
- (e) There shall be no power to appoint substitutes to the Harbours Committee.
- (f) Arrangements shall be made to identify a designated person in relation to the Port Marine Safety Code in connection with the harbours. Such person shall be the Proper Officer identified as having the powers for such purposes in the Officer Scheme of Delegations – Part 3(2) of the Constitution or such other arrangements as the Council may from time to time decide.

8.16 Duty Holder in relation to Harbours

The Harbours Committee will be the duty holder for the purposes of the Council's responsibilities under the Port Marine Safety Code for all Harbours in the area of the Council for which the Council is the statutory harbour authority.

8.17 Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Harbours Committee shall be appointed by Full Council unless Full Council otherwise determines. No co-optee shall be appointed either Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

8.18 **Meetings**

- (a) The number of ordinary meetings of the Harbours Committee each year will normally be determined by Full Council.
- (b) The Chairman of the Harbours Committee shall have the power to call one or more special meeting(s) of the Harbours Committee.
- (c) The Chairman of the Harbours Committee may determine that a meeting should be cancelled for insufficient business.
- (d) No person shall sit as a member of the Harbours Committee unless s/he has received Port Marine Safety training provided to that person for this purpose.
- (e) There shall be no power to appoint substitutes to the Harbours Committee or to any Harbours Sub-Committee.

8.19 **Delegated powers and powers of recommendation of the Harbours Committee**

- (a) The Harbours Committee shall have the powers as set out in Functions of the Council - Part 3(1) of the Constitution.
- (b) For the avoidance of doubt the Harbours Committee and any of its Sub-Committees can delegate any of their powers to any Officer.