



Date of Meeting: 19 June 2019

Lead Member: Councillor Ray Bryan – Lead Member for Highways, Travel and Environment

Lead Officer: Keith Howorth – Weymouth Harbour Master

Executive Summary: The purpose of this report is to invite the Harbours Committee to appoint a member of the Committee to the Weymouth Harbour Consultative Group and to endorse the group under the new Harbour Authority.

Equalities Impact Assessment:

Not applicable

Budget:

There are no budget implications from this report.

Risk Assessment:

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

Current Risk: LOW

Residual Risk LOW

The appointment of a member of the Harbours Committee to the Weymouth Harbour Consultative Group will provide a link between the Committee and members of the Group who represent users of the Weymouth Harbour.

Other Implications:

Not applicable

Recommendation:

That a member of the Harbours Committee be appointed to the Weymouth Harbour Consultative Group for a 3-year period.

That the Terms of Reference for the Harbour Consultative group be endorsed by the new Harbours Committee.

Reason for Recommendation:

To provide Councillor representation on and a link between the Weymouth Harbour

Consultative Group and the Dorset Council Harbours Committee.

Appendices:

None

Background Papers:

Terms of Reference for Harbour Consultative Group (attached)

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**1. Appointment of Harbours Committee member to the Weymouth Harbour Consultative Group**

- 1.1 The Weymouth Harbour Consultative Group was originally established by Weymouth and Portland Borough Council in order to ensure that links were in place between the Council and users of Weymouth Harbour, local communities and other external organisations with an interest in the port of Weymouth. The group is made up of harbour users and other interested parties. The Consultative Group provides a forum for discussion and is non-decision making. The updated Terms of Reference are attached.
- 1.2 With the creation of Dorset Council, the Weymouth Harbour Consultative Group continue to meet and provide a useful consultation mechanism between harbour users and the Dorset Council Harbours Committee, a useful link in the governance of Weymouth Harbour.
- 1.3 In order to provide a link between the Consultative Group and the Harbours Committee it is proposed that a Councillor on the Harbours Committee be appointed to the Weymouth Harbour Consultative Group.
- 1.4 The Group has always had 2 Councillors as members. In addition, the new Weymouth Town Council have been invited to appoint a representative to the Consultative Group.
- 1.5 The Weymouth Harbour Consultative Group meets four times a year and the notes of their meetings are brought to the Harbours Committee for information. The Chair of the Weymouth Harbour Consultative Group also attends the Harbours Committee as a non-voting member.