

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

REPORT TO: THE HARBOUR BOARD

Date: 7th February 2023

TOPIC: MARINE SAFETY PLAN

REPORT BY: TOWN CLERK – LYNTON AGENCY

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Under the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) a requirement for compliance is for harbours to produce and publish a Marine Safety Plan laying out an overview of safety management and objectives for a 3-year period.
- 1.2 Historically Lynmouth Harbour had no safety plan having resisted the need for compliance with PMSC. The PMSC has been adopted hence development of this Marine Safety Plan
- 1.3 It is industry best practice to keep the Marine Safety Plan as a separate document.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the board adopts the Lynmouth Harbour - Marine Safety Plan presented.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To show that Lynmouth Harbour is following industry best practice.

4 REPORT

- 4.1 Since the implementation of the PMSC in 2000 following the lessons learnt from the grounding of the Sea Empress in 1996 Statutory Harbour Authorities who comply with the code are required to produce and publish a Marine Safety Plan for a period of 3 years.
- 4.2 With no historic Marine Safety Plan nor PMSC adherence this is the first time Lynmouth Harbour has published a Marine Safety Plan
- 4.3 This will continue the journey to bring Lynmouth Harbour in line with best practice, with a separate Marine Safety Plan including Marine management objectives having now been produced.

4.4 There are no other options to be considered.

4.5 There are no risks in adopting the recommendation.

4.6 Advice from NDC Harbour Master ensured the above document has been developed in line with industries best practice.

4.7 There is no impact on the community in adopting the recommendation.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial or manpower implications contained within the documents.

6 EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

6.1 There are not any equalities implications anticipated as a result of this report.

7 CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

7.1 Article or Appendix and paragraph: Part 3, Annexe 1 paragraph 6(2)

7.2 Referred or delegated power: Delegated.

8 STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

8.1 This report contains no confidential information or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of 1972 Act.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- Port Marine Safety Code and accompanying Guide to Good Practice

The background papers are available for inspection and kept by the author of the report.

10 STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

10.1 The author (below) confirms that advice has been taken from all appropriate Councillors and Officers.

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Reference: