

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Ilfracombe Harbour Board

Date: 5th February 2019

TOPIC: Review of Ilfracombe Harbour Charges Consultation
2019/2020

REPORT BY: Capt. Georgina Carlo-Paat, Ilfracombe Harbour Master

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Harbour Board have delegated authority to recommend changes to Harbour charges to Full Council and it is considered that there are sufficient grounds to raise harbour charges for the 2019-2020 season.
- 1.2 Rising maintenance costs and continuing pressure on the public purse require due consideration.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that most charges are increased by 2.7% as detailed in the appendix.
- 2.2 It is recommended that after an extensive investigation of South West storage fees that the dinghy/kayak charges be increased to better reflect the value of the amenity.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The continuing rises in the cost to repair, upgrade and maintain the Harbour facilities for stakeholders and visitors have seen a drain to North Devon Council resources. It is felt that users of the Harbour and its facilities should continue to help bear part of these incurred costs.

4 REPORT

- 4.1 Harbour charges are reviewed annually by the Harbour Board. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for September 2018 was 2.7% this is higher than predicted and is reflected in the recommendation of charges for the coming financial year.
- 4.2 It is recommended that some charges, slipway dues, are rounded to two decimal points to enable easier on site collection.
- 4.3 The requirements of the adopted Ilfracombe Harbour Business Plan should be considered.

4.4 The Ilfracombe Harbour Board at its meeting on 13th November 2018 recommended that most charges for the Ilfracombe Harbour be increased by 2.7% for 2019-20 and that after an extensive investigation of South West storage fees that the dinghy/kayak charges be increased to better reflect the value of the amenity subject to public consultation.

4.5 Consultation

The consultation period ended on 8th January 2019 and the following stakeholders were consulted along with their response if any given:

Lundy Company – No objections to new charges

Harbour Forum – No comments

Waverley Excursions Ltd – No comments

White Funnel Ltd (Balmoral) – No comments

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The recommendation will increase revenue at or above the rate of inflation and will help the Harbour to keep in touch with its competitors.

5.2 There are no manpower issues.

6 CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

Article or Appendix and paragraph	Referred or delegated power?
Part 3	Delegated
Annexe 1	
Paragraph 5	

7 STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

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

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

- Ilfracombe Harbour Business Plan
- 2018-2019 Ilfracombe Harbour Charges
- Proposed 2019/2020 Ilfracombe Harbour Charges

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

9 STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

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

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Reference: 2019-2020 Charges report

