

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

REPORT TO: HARBOUR BOARD

Date: 4th February 2020

TOPIC: ILFRACOMBE HARBOUR - CHARGES REVIEW 2020-2021

REPORT BY: CAPT. GEORGINA CARLO-PAAT (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 2020-2021 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 2.0%
- 2.2 It is recommended that due to the Ilfracombe Yacht Club taking over the running of the shower facilities under the new lease and that they intend to charge for the use that the visitor dues remain the same.

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 NDC resources. It is felt that users of the Harbour and its facilities should continue to help bear part of these incurred costs.
- 3.2 The visitor dues have incorporated the use of the shower facilities in the Yacht club and as the Yacht Club now intend to charge for their use it would be deemed bad practice to raise the dues this year.

4 REPORT

- 4.1 Harbour charges are reviewed annually by the Harbour Board. The CPI forecast for 2020 is 2.0% and this 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 2 decimal points to enable easier on site collection.
- 4.3 The requirements of the adopted Harbour Business Plan should be considered.

4.4 CONSULTATION

4.4.1 On 15th November 2019 the following users were consulted ,The Lundy Company, Waverley Excursions Ltd, and the Harbour Community Forum . The consultation closed on January 6th 2020 with the following comments made;

Lundy Company – No objections to new charges

Harbour Forum – 1 comment requesting the charge to be adjusted to reflect a 1.5% increase as believes the charges should be tagged to inflation rate.

Waverley Excursions Ltd (Waverley) – No comments but wished to confirm they would still be receiving the charitable rate as for previous years.

4.5 OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.5.1 Hold Charges at 2019-20 rates for all charges.

4.5.2 Increase all charges for all with the exception of visitor dues in line with the forecasted 2020 CPI figure of 2.0%.

4.6 REASONS FOR REJECTING OPTIONS

4.6.1 Rejecting 4.5.1, holding charges at 2019-20 rates has been rejected as it fails to take into account the increasing financial burden of Harbour costs and improving services.

4.7 CONCLUSION

4.7.1 The income generated by the Harbour needs to increase to keep pace with inflation and increasing maintenance and service provision costs.

4.7.2 This is not considered to be a key decision.

4.7.3 Following consultation, having received no further comments, I propose that the Charges as proposed in this report, if the board is in accord, be put to Full Council for implementation on the 1st April 2020.

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 At present there are no manpower issues.

6 EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

6.1 Due to the nature of this report being concerned solely with Harbour Charges there are no equalities implications anticipated as a result of this report. See Appendix III for full assessment.

7 CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

Article and paragraph	Appendix and paragraph	Referred or delegated power?	A key decision?
Article 18	Appendix 5 (paragraph 6) Appendix 3	Delegated	No

8 STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

8.1 This report does not contain confidential information.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix I - 2019-20 Harbour Charges

Appendix II - Proposed 2020-21 Harbour Charges (+2.0%)

Appendix III – Equality Impact Assessment Form

Ilfracombe Harbour Business Plan

10 STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

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

Harbour Board Chairman: Councillor G Fowler

Author: Capt. Georgina Carlo-Paat

Date: 21st January 2020

Reference: 2019-20 Charges Report

ILFRACOMBE HARBOUR

Charges 2019 – 2020

MOORING LICENCE HOLDERS

	<u>Per ft. (loa)</u>	<u>Per metre(loa)</u>
<u>Ground Moorings</u>		
Under 14ft Beam per annum	£18.06	£59.24
14ft or Over Beam per annum	£22.55	£73.96
<u>Commercial Vessels with Ground Moorings</u>		
Under 14ft Beam per annum	£21.38	£70.11
14ft or Over Beam per annum	£26.77	£87.80
<u>Fishing Vessels with Harbour Wall Moorings</u>		
Under 14ft Beam per annum	£28.24	£92.63
14ft or Over Beam per annum	£35.30	£115.82
<u>Commercial Vessels Carrying More than 12 Passengers with Wall Moorings</u>		
Under 14ft Beam per annum	£29.20	£95.79
14ft or Over Beam per annum	£37.28	£122.27
<u>Rowing Boats (with no other means of propulsion)</u>		
	£9.027	£29.61

VISITING VESSELS

Visiting Boats

		<u>EDR</u>
Per day	£ 0.50	£ 1.64 (49p)
Per week	£ 3.04	£ 9.97 (43p)

Per fortnight	£ 5.34	£ 17.49 (38p)
Per 21 days	£ 7.48	£ 24.54 (36p)
Per month	£ 10.25	£ 33.64 (34p)
Per summer (3 months)	£ 25.96	£ 85.13 (29p)

EDR – Equivalent Daily Rate

Mooring Fees for Passenger Vessels (overnight stop only)

Per day	£0.49	£1.59
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Harbour Dues for Passenger Vessels (per visit)

Per GRT		£0.08
Per PAX		£0.34

(The GRT element of Harbour Dues is not paid if remaining alongside overnight when mooring fees become payable)

Stop and Shop

< 4 Hours		£6.37
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MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

Dry side Winter Storage (Non mooring licence holders)

Per month or part thereof	<20ft	£35.46
	<30ft	£39.76
	30ft+	£42.55

Cargo

Per Tonne Loaded/disembarked		£0.84
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Cruise Liners

At Anchor	per passenger landed	£4.04
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Launch Charge (no trailer)

Per day		£7.40 (£7.40)
Per week		£22.22

Annual	£79.34
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Launch + Trailer Park

Per day	£10.60 (£10.60)
Per week	£52.90
Per Year	£211.57
Per Year (day use)	£105.79

Electricity

Cables (with marine connections for harbour side connection)	£30.75
Per unit	Available on request

Water

Hoses (with brass connector for harbour side connection)	£15.38
Per unit (from metered supplies)	Available on request

Dinghy/Kayak Storage (Non Secure)

Dinghy for Mooring Licence Holders Per annum	£35.00	Kayaks
Per annum	£40.00	

Dinghy/Kayak Storage (Secure)

Dinghy for Mooring Licence Holders Per annum	£70.00	Kayaks
Per annum	£80.00	

Notes.

1. The Harbour Master may vary these charges and/or levy additional charges in respect of anything done or provided by (or on behalf of) the Harbour Authority in accordance with the Harbours Act 1964 (as amended from time to time), the Ilfracombe Harbour Act and Orders 1870 to 1996 (as amended from time to time) and all powers delegated to the Harbour Master by North Devon Council.
2. Harbour Charges are payable when at anchor, at a buoy or alongside within the Harbour Authority area in accordance with and Under the provisions of the Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847, The Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation Act 1870 (no.1) and Harbours Act 1964 ss. 26-31.

APPENDIX II

ILFRACOMBE HARBOUR

Charges 2020 – 2021 (Baseline 2%)

MOORING LICENCE HOLDERS

		<u>Per ft. (loa)</u>	<u>Per metre(loa)</u>
<u>Ground Moorings</u>			
Under 14ft Beam per annum		£18.42	£60.43 14ft or
Over Beam per annum	£23.00		£75.44
<u>Commercial Vessels with Ground Moorings</u>			
Under 14ft Beam per annum		£21.81	£71.51 14ft or
Over Beam per annum	£27.31		£89.56
<u>Fishing Vessels with Harbour Wall Moorings</u>			
Under 14ft Beam per annum		£28.81	£94.48 14ft or
Over Beam per annum	£36.00		£118.14
<u>Commercial Vessels Carrying More than 12 Passengers with Wall Moorings</u>			

Under 14ft Beam per annum	£29.78	£97.71 14ft or
Over Beam per annum	£38.03	£124.72

Rowing Boats (with no other means of propulsion)

£9.21	£30.20
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VISITING VESSELS

Visiting Boats

		<u>EDR</u>	
Per day	£ 0.50	£ 1.53	(50p)
Per week	£ 3.04	£ 9.97	(43p)
Per fortnight	£ 5.34	£ 17.49	(38p)
Per 21 days	£ 7.48	£ 24.54	(36p)
Per month	£ 10.25	£ 33.64	(34p)
Per summer (3 months)	£ 25.96	£ 85.13	(29p)

EDR – Equivalent Daily Rate

Mooring Fees for Passenger Vessels (overnight stop only)

Per day	£0.50	£1.62
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Harbour Dues for Passenger Vessels (per visit)

Per GRT	£0.08
Per PAX	£0.35

(The GRT element of Harbour Dues is not paid if remaining alongside overnight when mooring fees become payable)

Stop and Shop

< 4 Hours	£6.50
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MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

Dry side Winter Storage (Non mooring licence holders)

Per month or part thereof	<20ft	£36.17
	<30ft	£40.56
	30ft+	£43.40

Cargo

Per Tonne Loaded/disembarked £0.86

Cruise Liners

At Anchor per passenger landed £4.12

Launch Charge (no trailer)

Per day £7.55
Per week £22.66
Annual £80.93

Launch + Trailer Park

Per day £10.80
Per week £53.96
Per Year £215.80
Per Year (day use) £107.91

Electricity

Cables (with marine connections for harbour side connection) £31.37 Per
unit Available on request

Water

Hoses (with brass connector for harbour side connection) £15.69 Per
unit (from metered supplies) Available on request

Dinghy/Kayak Storage

Dinghy for Mooring Licence Holders Per annum £70.00 Kayaks
Per annum £80.00

Notes.

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Appendix III

Equality Impact Assessment

<p>Service Area: Ilfracombe Harbour</p> <p>Head of Service: Jon Triggs</p> <p>Lead Officer: Capt. Georgina Carlo-Paat</p> <p>Date: 28th September 2019</p>
<p>Name of policy/function/project/service area to be assessed:</p> <p>Harbour Charges</p>
<p>Brief description of proposal to be assessed:</p> <p>Report to Harbour Board regarding increase of Harbour Charges for the next financial year</p>

Date of Assessment: 12th October	Person responsible for completing the assessment: Capt. Georgina Carlo-Paat Contact Details: Harbourmaster@northdevon.gov.uk
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Brief description of the anticipated outcomes of the proposal:

Provision	Current Arrangement	Proposed Arrangement	Comment
Harbour Charges	To charge Harbour users Dues	To increase charge of Harbour Dues	To keep in line with inflation

Impact

There are only neutral impacts to all characteristics within this proposal.

Consideration of Alternatives

N/A

Consultation

The Lundy Company, Waverley Excursions Ltd, White Funnel Ltd and the Harbour Community Forum will be consulted regarding the proposed increases.

Monitoring Arrangements

N/A

Reporting and Publication

Equality Impact Assessments will be published on North Devon Council's website.

Date published:

NOTE: The completion of an Equality Impact Assessments is an ongoing process. Impacts will be continually reviewed during projects and the decision making process and the Assessment will be updated accordingly and published. A further assessment will also be undertaken between 6 to 12 months following the implementation of the policy, project, decision or service change has been implemented.

Proposed implementation date of project/proposal: 1st April 2020

Funding considerations: N/A

Date approved by Head of Service:

29th September 2019

Corporate and Community Services Use Only:

Date of publication to NDC Website:

Date of Feedback (if required):

Feedback:

September 2019