

REPORT TO: THE HARBOUR BOARD

Date: 11th August 2020

TOPIC: EXTERNAL PORT MARINE SAFETY CODE AUDIT REPORT

REPORT BY: HARBOUR MASTER

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As a Statutory Harbour Ilfracombe Harbour is obliged under the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) to complete a 3 yearly external audit to inspect the 10 main elements of the PMSC against the Harbours own Marine Safety Management System (MSMS)

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the board accepts the findings, (Appendix A), of the audit report and actively works towards rectifying the observations found.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To show the audit findings have been duly accepted and that the Harbours MSMS reflects this industry's 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 committed to undertake a 3 yearly external audit to inspect the 10 main elements of the (PMSC) and highlight any non-compliances, give observations where necessary to bring the MSMS up to industries best practice and to report all satisfactory elements found.
- 4.2 The audit report shows that Ilfracombe harbour is compliant with requirements of the PMSC and shows 82 satisfactory elements found with best practice being noted.
- 4.3 There are 35 observations relating to improvement opportunities for management consideration which will further enhance the MSMS and show the Harbour Authorities continued commitment to comply with the PMSC and encourage best practice.

4.4 There is one other option to consider and that is not to undertake the recommendations as given in the report. This option would be detrimental to the Harbour and therefore should not be considered.

4.5 There are no risks in adopting the recommendation.

4.6 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

Article or Appendix and paragraph	Referred or delegated power?
Appendix 5 6(a)	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
- External Audit report for Ilfracombe Harbour (attached)

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: Document5