

**REPORT TO: THE HARBOUR BOARD**

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**TOPIC: THREE MONTH WAIVER OF MOORING HARBOUR FEES 2021/22**

**REPORT BY: HARBOUR MASTER**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic the Harbour was shut down on March 24<sup>th</sup>, this was shortly before the annual lifting in of boats who had been stored over winter on the hard standing around the Harbour. In April it was proposed to help alleviate the financial burden placed on all mooring holders by waiving three (3) months of mooring fees, effective from the financial year 2021/22.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the board formally confirms the proposal.

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 To show consideration to the Harbours recreational mooring holders of the financial burden placed on them due to the COVID 19 situation, that being, they were unable to use their boats even when restrictions were lifted for recreational boats as they were still on their winter storage. For all other moorings whose vessels were on the water, this would show consideration to the financial loss incurred to their respective businesses during this period of time.

**4 REPORT**

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4.2 This proposal was put to the board via email due to the unprecedented situation at the time the board meeting scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. At that time

the proposal was unanimously agreed by the board (see Appendix A for results).

4.3 The boats were finally lifted in on the weekend of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

4.4 There is one other option to consider and that is not to proceed with the waiver of the mooring fees.

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 is a financial implication to this proposal. After consulting with the finance department the loss to the Harbour would be £11,750 on the 2021/22 budget.

## 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 Document showing the boards agreement to the proposal dated 22/04/20 (Appendix A).

## 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