

REPORT TO EXETER HARBOUR BOARD

Date of Meeting: 26 October 2022

The Harbour Master (Grahame Forshaw) to provide an update on actions identified at the Visioning Day held in January 2022.

Harbour Board Visioning Event held at the Customs House – January 2022

This event was as an opportunity for Board Members to more fully explore the background to a number of fundamental issues concerning the Harbour and the role of the Board itself

The key take away points agreed following a morning of lively discussion were as follows:-

1. Vision Statement

To be a safe, friendly and financially sustainable eco-harbour which contributes positively to the wellbeing of residents and visitors, the local economy whilst maintaining the character, beauty and leisure potential of the River Exe and Exeter Ship Canal.

2. Mission Statement

To operate a safe, efficient and sustainable modern eco-harbour that enhances the character of the Exe Estuary and Exeter Ship Canal and meets the needs and expectations of the 21st century harbour users and is an asset to local communities

3. Core Values

- a) We will take responsibility for marine safety.
- b) We will encourage access and promote active and healthy lifestyles on and surrounding the Port waterways.
- c) We will lead on environmental stewardship of the Port whilst working towards the Net Zero Exeter 2030 Plan.
- d) We will take stakeholder engagement seriously.
- e) We will provide value-for-money services despite continuing central government budget reductions
- f) We will enact good governance and act with integrity.

4. Key Objectives

- a) Achieve Port Marine Safety Code compliance
- b) Promote use of the Harbour
- c) Become financially self-sustainable
- d) Maintain the 'green infrastructure' that forms the Harbour

Those present offered numerous views on what was needed to forward the above ambitions and the following actions were agreed

1. Officers to progress a report in support of funding for the Harbour Revision Order recognised as fundamental to enable PMSC compliance
2. Officers to identify funding and progress the appointment of a Designated Person

3. Officers to identify options to deliver a Safety Management System
4. Officers to provide clarity on the relationship between Exeter City Council Executive and the Harbour Board
5. Officers to provide clarity on the 'duty holder' responsibility of the Board
6. Officers and Chair to select new Board Member from previous applicants to best replace skills and experience lost following the passing of Paul Labistour

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