

Revisions of Actions from Visioning Day January 13th 2024

Vision Statement

To be a safe, user-friendly and financially sustainable harbour which contributes positively to the wellbeing of residents and visitors, net-zero ambitions, and the local economy whilst maintaining the character, beauty and leisure potential, biodiversity and ecological health of the Port of Exeter.

Mission Statement

To operate a safe, efficient and sustainable modern harbour that enhances the character of the Exe Estuary and Exeter Ship Canal. The Harbour meets the needs and expectations of a 21st century harbour user, is an asset to local communities whilst maintaining its character and environmental importance.

Actions from 2024

1. Officers to progress the application 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 carry out a selection process to fill any Harbour Board vacancies, including those arising from expiry of current terms of office. Due consideration to be given to appointments addressing gaps in appropriate skills and experience.
7. Officers and Chair to develop a communications strategy to disseminate and improve transparency of the activities of The Board, particularly regarding the HRO process, and promoting the Harbour.

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, from the Canal to Exmouth, and promote the value of the Harbour to the City's culture and economy.
- c) We will lead on environmental stewardship of the Port whilst working towards the Net Zero Exeter 2030 Plan.
- d) We will develop and implement a Port-specific decarbonisation Plan.
- e) We will take stakeholder engagement seriously.
- f) We will provide value-for-money services despite continuing central government budget reductions.
- g) We will enact good governance and act with integrity.

Key Objectives

- a) Achieve Port Marine Safety Code compliance.
- b) Promote use of the Harbour including the waterways and Canal.
- c) Become financially self-sustainable.
- d) Maintain and enhance the 'green infrastructure' that forms the Harbour, addressing environmental and Net Zero aspects.