

Answers to Public Questions from Mr D Robinson submitted to 5th February 2018 Board Meeting

<p>Q1. Regarding charging HDs on pontoons</p>	<p>The Board agreed at its 4th Dec 17 meeting that it would not include a charge for HDs on pontoons in its next schedule of charges. (Minute 53.2)</p>
<p>Q2. Re charges on fuelling barges</p>	<p>Although contained in the Schedule of Charges, no charges are currently levied on fuelling barges within the river.</p> <p>The Schedule of charges for future years is under review.</p>
<p>Q3. Re charge for harbour statutory administration</p>	<p>This charge includes work undertaken in connection with the issue of PECs, local consents, Local Notices etc. where it is appropriate to pass on the cost of undertaking this work.</p>
<p>Q4. Re Revenue from statutory administration</p>	<p>To date this year the Board has charged £83.34 (ex VAT) for statutory administration.</p>
<p>Q5. Re basis for statutory charges</p>	<p>These charges are made under s60 of the port's establishing act as "work done services rendered". Charges made "in the exercise and performance of statutory powers and duties" to manage the harbour are to be "reasonable" and are covered by s27 of the Harbours Act 1964.</p>
<p>Q6. Re Debt recovery charges</p>	<p>To date this year the Board has charged £87.51 (ex VAT) for debt recovery administration/correspondence.</p>
<p>Q7. Re basis for debt recovery charges</p>	<p>See answer to Q5.</p>
<p>Q8. Re hourly rates for statutory admin and debt recovery</p>	<p>Hourly rates for statutory admin and debt recovery are based on the cost of time for Officers and where appropriate include a provision for legal advice.</p> <p>These figures were benchmarked against similar charges in other harbours.</p>

<p>Q9. Re revenue from Pontoon HDs</p>	<p>Expected revenue from Pontoon HDs for 17/18 was circa £4,300 (ex VAT).</p> <p>Actual revenue from Pontoon HDs for the year 16/17 was £4,341.24 (ex VAT).</p>
<p>Q10. Re accounting for Pontoon HDs</p>	<p>Income from HDs previously charged on pontoons was included in annual accounts under Harbour Dues - Leisure Craft.</p>
<p>Q11. Re budgeted income assumptions</p>	<p>Total budgeted income for FY 17/18 is £367,393 (before precept).</p> <p>Total income received in FY 16/17 was £425,196 (before precept).</p>
<p>Q12. Re earmarked reserves</p>	<p>Earmarked reserves (as appearing in FY16/17 Accounts include the LHBs statutory minimum reserve of £35K along with other funds accrued mainly through workboat activity over the past 5 years. Reserves would normally be used for capital/replacement projects (such as replacement plant and equipment) and infrastructure maintenance (such as monies spent on the West Works and East Training Wall).</p>