

Questions for LHB Meeting - 5th February 2018

As requested by the Chairman at the Littlehampton Harbour Stakeholders Consultation Group Meeting on 9th January, I set out below a list of questions that I would like answered during the public forum at the Littlehampton Harbour Board (LHB) meeting on 5th February 2018.

1. Can the Board please confirm that LHB will no longer be charging harbour dues on mooring pontoons within Littlehampton Harbour wef 1st April 2018.
2. Can the Board please confirm that LHB will no longer be charging harbour dues on river or fuelling barges or pontoons within Littlehampton Harbour wef 1st April 2018 (on the basis that, like mooring pontoons, they are incapable of navigation).
3. Can the Chairman please clarify precisely what is meant by "Harbour Statutory Administration" as listed in LHB's Schedule of Charges, Fees and Dues introduced for the first time wef 1st April 2017.
4. Can the Chairman please confirm how much income LHB has received from Harbour Statutory Administration, **exclusive of VAT**, since those charges were introduced wef 1st April 2017.
5. Can the Chairman please clarify under what provisions within the Littlehampton Harbour and Arun Drainage Outfall Act 1927 (the 1927 Act) or any other relevant legislation LHB believes it has the power to charge for Harbour Statutory Administration and, in the absence of any such powers, to please confirm that such charges will be removed from its schedule of changes from 1st April 2018 and any monies paid over the past year refunded.
6. Can the Chairman please confirm how much income LHB has received from debt recovery administration/correspondence, **exclusive of VAT**, since those charges were introduced wef 1st April 2017.
7. Can the Chairman please clarify under what provisions within the 1927 Act or any other relevant legislation LHB believes it has the power to charge for debt recovery administration/correspondence introduced for the first time wef 1st April 2017 and, in the absence of any such powers, to please confirm that such charges will be removed from its schedule of changes from 1st April 2018 and any monies paid over the past year refunded.
8. Notwithstanding my strong belief that charges for Harbour Statutory Administration and for debt recovery are ultra vires and should be removed from LHB's schedule of charges, can the Chairman please explain why there should be any differentiation between the hourly rates chargeable for these functions and how such rates are believed to be reasonable in the context of the salary rates payable to the relevant employees administering these functions.
9. Can the Chairman please confirm how much revenue LHB was due to receive, **excluding VAT**, from harbour dues on mooring pontoons, had all monies claimed as being payable by stakeholders been paid, during the year commencing 1st April 2017 and was actually received during the year commencing 1st April 2016.
10. Can the Chairman please confirm under which heading, in the Income and Expenditure Accounts, harbour dues on mooring pontoons are included.
11. Can the Chairman please confirm the anticipated gross income receivable by LHB, **exclusive of VAT**, from all sources of income during the year commencing 1st April 2017, inclusive of harbour dues claimed on mooring pontoons, and the corresponding sums actually received during the year commencing 1st April 2016.
12. Can the Chairman please explain precisely to what the "Earmarked Reserves" listed in the LHB Accounts relates.

David Robinson