

HARBOUR BOARD

15th November 2019

Subject:	Review of Harbour Charges 2020/21
Head of Service:	Director of Finance & Procurement
Decision Issues:	These matters are within the authority of the Board
Classification:	This report is open to the public.
CCC Ward:	Gorrell & Tankerton
Summary:	<i>This report provides information pertaining to the proposed Schedule of Charges for 2020/2021</i>
To Resolve:	That the proposed Schedule of Charges is approved.
Next stage in process	Pending approval by the Harbour Board the new Schedule of Charges will be included in the draft budget proposals for the council with a view to being implemented on 1 st April 2020

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Introduction

It is proposed that port marine service fees, dues & charges are amended as detailed in this supporting report.

Any change in charges or recommendation to maintain a particular charge at its current level has been set taking into account current market trends and trading conditions. The costs of dredging operations, repairs to fenders and access ladders and general quay maintenance works have all been taken into account.

2. Detail

The current charge for harbour dues for a permanent alongside berth in the harbour for commercial fishing vessels and work boats is £139/metre. Harbour dues include one harbour business parking permit for every boat owner. It is proposed to increase this charge to £146/metre. The owner of a 10 metre boat will therefore see an increase from £1390 to £1460 per annum (£70 per annum) or £17.50 per quarter, the time period for which dues are routinely charged.

The cost of a visiting craft per day of £80 or £52/ metre per month is to remain unchanged.

The cost of a pontoon berth for a leisure boat operator is currently £250/metre which includes quay space adjacent to the pontoon for a booking office and signage. It is proposed to increase this charge to £262/metre. The owner of a 10 metre leisure boat

will therefore see an increase from £2,500 to £2,620 per annum (£120) or £30.00 per quarter, the time period for which dues are routinely charged.

The current charge for embarkation & disembarkation from the seaward end of the pontoon for leisure boat operators is £20 per visit plus £0.50 per passenger. It is proposed to increase these charges to £30 per visit plus £0.50 per passenger. A leisure boat operator carrying 40 passengers will therefore pay a total of £50 per visit (£30 & £20).

It is anticipated that an annual income from pontoon dues of approximately £10,000 will be generated

Dues for ships when cargo is discharged or ship visits for repairs or lay by are currently £0.45 per tonne of cargo or per ship's GT. These charges are levied on the ship owners/operators. It is proposed to increase these charges to £0.49 per tonne of cargo or per ship's GT. The ship owner/operator will therefore see an approximate increase from £680.40 to £740.88 (£60.48) per ship's visit.

Cargo wharfage fees are currently set at £0.73 per tonne of stone cargoes and £0.45 for Type 1 cargoes. These charges are levied on the cargo receiver. It is proposed to increase these charges to £0.76 and £0.48 respectively. The receiver of cargo will therefore see an increase of approximately £730 to £760 (£30) per 1,000 tonne of stone cargo or £450 to £480 (£30) per 1,000 tonne of Type 1 cargo.

A conservancy/pilotage fee of £30 per voyage is to increase to £36 per voyage.

Linesmen services are to increase from £108 per linesman to £119. Each ship visit deploys 4 linesmen (2 linesmen for arrival and 2 linesmen for departure). This charge is payable by the ship owner/operator and the new rate will result in an increase of £44 per ship's visit.

An annual harbour business parking permits is currently charged at £102 per permit. It should be noted that each berth holder is allocated one free parking permit. Additional parking permits for fishermen, if required, are charged at the standard rate. Further permits are issued to harbour tenants but these are limited to reflect the limited number of business parking permits in the harbour. It is proposed to increase the cost of an annual parking permit from £102 to £128.

Beach hut rents were last increased in 2015/16. An increase of 4.8% is proposed for the coming year.

Due consideration has been given to the financial implications concerning compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code, Port Waste Regulations, Port Security Code and compliance with other relevant port marine legislation, regulations and codes of practice.

This report confirms that the Harbour Authority is expected to set dues and charges which generate sufficient resources to discharge its port marine obligations under relevant legislation and build a reserve for future expenditure.

3. Consultation

These proposed charges have been made available to CCC Head of Finance and CCC Management Team for their consideration

A copy of the proposed charges will be forwarded to the Whitstable Fishermen's Association for their information.

The proposed charges will also be forwarded to Brett Aggregates, Faversham Ships, Armac Shipping and GSea8 for their information.

The proposals will be included in the Council's budget proposals for 2020/21.

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