SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND LICENSING, LEISURE SERVICES AND PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES

(Meeting held 14 September 1999).

1. PROPOSED ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT LYMINGTON QUAY (REPORT A) (MINUTE 2).

Members have agreed to go out to public consultation on a draft scheme for improvements to Lymington Quay. The proposals had been developed following consultation with local interest groups. The environmental improvement works are being carried out in conjunction with essential works to stabilise the quay wall. The funding and timing of the overall scheme is, therefore, partially dependent upon MAFF approval for those elements of the works. It is hoped that MAFF approval may be received in time for works to start in October 2000. It is however important that the scheme is implemented over the winter months to minimise disruption to local businesses and visitors. If MAFF approval is delayed, the start date will have to be held back a full year, to October 2001.

The budget for the scheme has included scope for contingencies. It is possible that the out-turn figures will be lower. The estimated cost of essential works (replacement public conveniences; ground and landscaping works; new footpath and crossover point; and car park alterations) is £442,500, including fees and contingencies. Other measures which had been identified by user groups, such as improved lighting, more litter bins and replacement seating have also been costed, and total £121,300, including fees and contingencies.

The Harbour Commissioners have indicated that they may have difficulties funding showers, for the use of yachtsmen, in the new toilet block. The improved showers have however been left in the scheme for public consultation, and options for funding will be explored at a later date, if necessary.

Any proposals to install closed circuit television will have to be the subject of a separate report and financial assessment.

A report will be submitted to a future meeting on the outcome of the public consultation exercise.

The overall cost of the scheme will be controlled by the Environmental Service and Licensing Committee. Some budgetary provision had already been made but an additional bid of £167,600 has been included within their expenditure plans for 2001.

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