

## **ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION: 14 OCTOBER 2020**

### **2021 FEES & CHARGES – KEYHAVEN RIVER**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 As part of the annual review of budgets, decisions are required to agree any non-statutory fees and charges for the forthcoming financial year.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The decisions over fees and charges have to be within the constraints of the overall financial framework and the medium-term financial plan. At the same time, decision making regarding the fees and charges must reflect a 'commercial' environment where there is a need to react swiftly and proactively to changing conditions. As a result, power to agree fees and charges, or to make formal arrangements for the setting of fees and charges within a Portfolio, is delegated to the Portfolio Holder.

#### **3. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 The 12-month charging period for fees and charges for the Keyhaven river was altered so that the calendar year as opposed to the financial year is the new charging period. A pro rata rate was applied to annual mooring fees for 2020 in recognition of this change. 2021 will therefore be the first full calendar year charging period. The change was made to improve efficiency in the use of the facilities and to ensure those keen to obtain a mooring can be accommodated on vacant moorings. This will allow them to get full use during the spring and summer season.
- 3.2 There is a need to upgrade the moorings on the Keyhaven river with a new heavier ground chain system. It is anticipated that once completed this will improve confidence in our mooring system with mooring holders as well as increasing occupancy and significantly shortening of waiting times for moorings. Improving occupancy levels will help cover the cost of the work and therefore any fee increases for 2021 will be fair and proportionate to all.
- 3.3 In addition to assist with payments during the current economic climate, those who set up and pay by direct debit will be entitled to a 10% discount on annual fees and will have the opportunity to spread the payments over the first 4 months - January to April. We are also aware of the difficult season that the Commercial fisherman have had and the fees for their moorings have been reduced to reflect this.
- 3.4 To bring Keyhaven river in line with other harbour and river authorities operating in the area, it is proposed that the term 'River dues' is used as a term that correctly qualifies the charges we make for vessels 'entering, using or leaving the river or using the Keyhaven river landing facilities'. This includes vessels of any size being launched or recovered from the river, anchoring and short-term mooring of vessels in the river. The revenue derived from river dues mooring fees is used by NFDC to meet the full cost of the management of the Keyhaven river. This covers giving advice and assistance, maintenance of navigational aids and the enforcement of byelaws. Annual, temporary, and private licenced mooring fee payers have this incorporated into their fees and therefore will not have to pay 'river dues' each time they leave, enter or use the river.

#### **4. PROPOSED CHANGE**

- 4.1 The 2021 Fees and charges for the Keyhaven River are amended to the amounts detailed at Appendix 1.
- 4.2 That the term 'River dues' is adopted as a term that correctly qualifies the charges we make for vessels 'entering, using or leaving the river or using the Keyhaven river landing facilities. This includes vessels of any size being launched or recovered from the river, anchoring and short-term mooring of vessels in the river.

#### **5. OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Due to the continued demand for moorings at Keyhaven the mooring and launching fees have been reviewed and, where appropriate, increased to what is considered a comparable price to other facilities in the area.

#### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Any financial implications will have been or will be reported as part of the ongoing Portfolio Plan and budgetary control.

#### **7. ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME & DISORDER AND EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None

#### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 That the fees and charges detailed in Appendix 1 be agreed and adopted from the dates shown.
- 8.2 That the term 'River dues' be adopted as detailed at paragraph 4.2 of this report.

#### **9. PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENDORSEMENT**

**I have agreed to the recommendation of this report.**

**Sign: Cllr Alison Hoare**

**Date: 14 October 2020**

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**Background Papers:**

Date on which notice given of this Decision – 14 October 2020  
Last date for call-in- 21 October 2020

## Appendix 1

### ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES PORTFOLIO

### PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES, CHARGES AND RIVER DUES FOR 2021

### KEYHAVEN RIVER

	Current Charge 2020 £	Proposed Charge 2021 £	Increase £	Increase %
<b>With effect from 1st January to 31st December 2021</b>				
<b>All prices shown excluding VAT.</b>				

Note: Waiting list fee will be discounted off first years mooring fees once offer of annual mooring accepted.

#### **Waiting Lists**

Waiting List Fee	Moorings	36.67	41.67	5	13.6
	Dinghy Park	36.67	41.67	5	13.6
	Annual Admin Fee	9.17	8.33	-0.84	-9

<b>Licence Fees - Private Moorings (12Months)</b>	108.33	125	16.67	15.3
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#### **Mooring Fees (including licence Fee and River dues)**

Small (Boats under 16 feet Length overall - LOA)	350	375	25	7.1
Medium (Boats 16 to 27 feet LOA)	387.5	416.67	29.17	7.5
Medium + (Longer tidal access for medium boats)	460	500	40	8.7
Large (Boats over 27 feet LOA)	691.67	750	58.33	8.4

#### **Wall Moorings**

Suitable for less than 12 feet and/or less than 15 hp	260	291.67	31.67	12.1
Suitable for 12 feet or more and/or 15 hp or more	300	416.67	116.67	38.9

#### **Dinghy Park**

Dinghy Park	Per space per annum	216.67	250	23.33	15.4
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Seasonal Let	Per week (October to March)	10	12.5	2.5	25
	Per week (April, May & Sep)	17.5	20.83	2.83	19
	Per week (June, July & August)	28.33	33.33	5	17.6

		Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase	Increase
		2020	2021	£	%
		£	£	£	%
<b>With effect from 1st January to 31st December 2021</b>					
<b>All prices shown excluding VAT</b>					

Grass Bank	Per annum	125	166.67	41.67	33.3
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### Specific Groups

Fisherman's Ass'n	Wall Mooring	50	41.67	-8.33	-16.67
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Keyhaven Sea Scouts	Seasons Launching	0	0	0	0
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### Other charges

#### River Dues (includes launching fees)

##### Single launch (New categories)

Kayaks, Canoes and Paddleboards		4.17	8.33	4.16	99.7
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##### NEW BANDINGS

Sailing vessels and/or engine size 5hp or less		N/A	8.33	N/A	N/A
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Boats with engine size over 5hp to 10 hp		N/A	12.5	N/A	N/A
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Boats with engine size over 10hp to 50 hp		N/A	20.83	N/A	N/A
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Boats with engine size over 50 hp		N/A	41.67	N/A	N/A
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##### Season launch (New categories)

Kayaks, Canoes and Paddleboards		13.33	25	11.67	87.5
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##### NEW BANDINGS

Sail boats and/or engine 5hp or less		N/A	25	N/A	N/A
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Boats with engine size over 5hp to 10 hp		N/A	41.67	N/A	N/A
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Boats with engine size over 10hp to 50 hp		N/A	83.33	N/A	N/A
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Boats with engine size over 50 hp		N/A	166.67	N/A	N/A
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<b>Moving boat for mooring maintenance</b>		35	33.33	-1.67	-4.7
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#### Anchorage/Visitor moorings

<b>Per Night</b>	Anchorage	9.17	8.33	-0.84	-9.1
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##### NEW BANDINGS

<b>Per night</b>	Medium/small mooring	N/A	12.5	N/A	N/A
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	Large mooring	N/A	16.67	N/A	N/A
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	Quayside	N/A	25	N/A	N/A
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**With effect from 1st January to 31st December 2021**  
**All prices shown excluding VAT**

	Current Charge 2020 £	Proposed Charge 2021 £	Increase £	Increase %
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<b>Per week</b>	Anchorage	40	41.67	1.67	4.2
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**NEW BANDINGS**

<b>Per week</b>	Medium/small mooring	N/A	58.33	N/A	N/A
	Large mooring	N/A	66.67	N/A	N/A
	Quayside	N/A	See Note	N/A	N/A

Note: Only in exceptional circumstances - speak to river warden first

**Short stay (less than 4 hours)**

Anchorage	5	5	0	0
Moorings	8.33	8.33	0	0
Quayside	10	10	0	0

**Note:** VAT. Charges are exclusive of VAT

Charges which are zero rated or not subject to VAT are marked \* either individually or by service.