

ENVIRONMENT AND COASTAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION: 20 OCTOBER 2021

2022 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. In addition, the updated Keyhaven River Licence Conditions and Mooring Regulations for 2021 are attached at Appendix B.

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 Last year it was agreed that, to assist with payments during the current economic climate, those who had set up and pay by direct debit would be entitled to a 10% on annual fees and would have the opportunity to spread the payments over the first 4 months - January to April. This will continue for another year for those who want to take advantage of this excellent discount on their 2022 mooring fees and charges.
- 3.2 The mooring replacement work took place in March and April this year. All the swinging moorings ground chain, risers, thrashers, swivels and shackles were replaced. This involved recovering all the old chain and replacing with either new or recycled ground chain plus installing all new chain, swivels and shackles between the ground chain and the mooring buoy. In total we put over 100 tons (4,200 metres) of new ground chain down. The Keyhaven main river, Hawkens Passage, Mount Lake and the Fore and Aft moorings now have 38mm ground chain and the smaller craft moorings now have 32-26mm ground chain (replacing the old 19mm ground chain).
- 3.3 With the introduction of more 'Hippo' mooring buoys on some sections of the river together with the increased chain sizes these moorings have been re-classified for 2022 from medium to large moorings. This means that those on those mooring affected will need to pay the large mooring fee. To cover this increase, the change is being phased in over 2 years so it will go up incrementally by an additional £200 in 2022 and an additional £200 for 2023. Those affected can, if they wish, request to be moved to an alternative medium mooring. This request will only be accepted if, in the opinion of the River wardens, there is a suitable mooring available.
- 3.4 The largest chain moorings near the river entrance have the heaviest chain and shackles to suit the largest vessels and therefore their moorings will be re-classified as Large+ from 2022. The price of the Large+ moorings is detailed at Appendix A and for 2022 will be £200 more than the large annual mooring fee.

3.5 The updated Keyhaven River Licence Conditions and Mooring Regulations for 2021 include better links for customers to improve contact with the Keyhaven river admin team and river wardens, plus minor alterations to decision making within the team. In addition, there are additional sections providing guidance and reminders of the still extant conditions for private and fisherman's moorings.

4. PROPOSED CHANGE

4.1 It is proposed that the 2022 Fees and charges for the Keyhaven River remain the same as for 2021, with the exception that the fee for the new large (ex-medium) moorings be increased by £200.00/year (including VAT) over the next 2 calendar years (2022 and 2023).

4.2 In addition, the new category 'large+' mooring and fee will be introduced from 1st January 2022 with the fee as detailed at Appendix A.

4.2 All proposed fees and charges for 2022 are detailed at Appendix A.

4.3 The Keyhaven River Licence Conditions and Mooring Regulations for 2021 are detailed at Appendix B.

5. OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The mooring and launching fees have been reviewed and remain the same as for 2021 except for the addition of the 'Large+' moorings.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Any financial implications will have been and are 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 A be agreed and adopted from the dates shown.

8.2 That the Keyhaven river licence conditions and mooring regulations for 2021 as detailed at Appendix B be adopted from 1st November 2021.

9. PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENDORSEMENT

I have agreed to the recommendation of this report.

Steve Davies

Sign: Cllr Steve Davies

Date: 19th October 2021

Appendix A: Keyhaven River Fees and Charges for 2022

Appendix B: Keyhaven River Licence Conditions and Mooring Regulations valid from 1st November 2021

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