

Langstone Harbour - Aims

Duties and responsibilities	Aim
Open port duty (under Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act, Pilotage Act and local Acts)	<i>Duty to be open for the shipping and unshipping of goods and the embarking and disembarking of passengers on payment of rates; and the responsibility to maintain harbour infrastructure and the provision of an uninterrupted and cost-effective pilotage service².</i>
Conservancy duty (under Harbours Act)	<i>To conserve the harbour so that it is fit for use, maintain clear navigational channels³ and provide users with adequate information about conditions in the harbour.</i>
General duty to ensure safe and efficient port marine operations (under various safety legislation and local Acts)	<i>To consider the efficiency, economy and safety of the services and facilities provided in the harbour and ensure appropriate resources are made available to meet the harbours marine safety obligations.</i>
Environmental duty (under local Act and various environmental legislation)	<i>To manage environmental features in the harbour⁴ and have due regard to nature conservation as well as pollution control and response; and to liaise with relevant authorities for conservation, flood defence, erosion risk and coastal management locally.</i>
Civil Contingencies and port security duty (from Civil Contingencies Act 2004)	<i>To take account of the harbour's responsibility as a Category 2 response organisation, including planning, preparing and co-ordinating responses to emergencies which threaten serious damage to human welfare, the environment or security and to appoint a port security officer with responsibility for port security as required.</i>
Responsibility for revising duties and powers (under the Port Marine Safety Code)	<i>To keep under review the powers and jurisdiction of Langstone Harbour in relation to its duties as a statutory harbour authority, to comply with appropriate standards of governance⁶ and amend statutory powers as and when required.</i>
Financial responsibility (from the ports local Acts)	<i>To ensure that the harbour is properly funded to carry out its core functions for safety, conservancy education and interpretation¹ and to generate income through gathering harbour dues, provision of leisure moorings for residential and visiting vessels and the provision of other cost effective marine services for the benefit of harbour users⁵.</i>
Stakeholder engagement responsibility (under Ports Good Governance Guidance)	<i>To participate in appropriate local, regional and national consultation⁷ and to engage effectively on significant decisions where appropriate with a wide range of stakeholders through a stakeholder advisory body, open forum, social media presence and production of an annual report.</i>
Responsibility to promote and improve the harbour as an asset (under Ports Good Governance Guidance)	<i>To safeguard Langstone Harbour as a valuable asset and to hand it on in the same or better condition to succeeding generations through promoting its environmental importance and improving the harbour for commercial and leisure marine sectors.</i>

¹⁻⁷Reference to strategic aims contained in LHB Business Plan 2017

Langstone Harbour - Objectives

Open port duty	
<i>To take reasonable care, so long as the harbour is open for public use, that all who may choose to navigate in it may do so without danger to their lives or property by maintaining harbour infrastructure and the provision of an uninterrupted and cost effective pilotage service.</i>	
OPD1	To maintain a list of assets and establish an asset replacement programme ^{3.1,3.2}
OPD2	To maintain a professional and scalable pilotage service in line with current and forecasted demands and to keep under review the requirement for a pilotage service
OPD3	Continue to review funding strategy for Hayling and Eastney pontoons ^{3.3}

Conservancy duty	
<i>To conserve the harbour so that it is fit for use, maintain clear navigational channels and provide users with adequate information about conditions in the harbour.</i>	
CD1	Survey the harbour and approaches periodically and share this information with the UKHO
CD2	Monitor navigation channels and review the requirement for dredging to maintain access to the harbour and commercial wharves
CD3	Act as a Local Lighthouse Authority with responsibility for the maintenance of AtN, and reporting of defects with accountability to Trinity House the GLA
CD4	Operate a periodic Harbour Radio VHF service
CD5	To produce an annual port guide for users and provide up to date weather information
CD6	Set harbour dues on goods, passengers and vessels ^{2,3}
CD7	To conserve and seek to enhance the nature conservation value of the harbour and its surroundings ⁰¹
CD8	To conserve and improve the landscape of the harbour and of the surrounding area visible from the water, including the built environment ⁰⁶

General duty to ensure safe and efficient port marine operations	
<i>To consider the efficiency, economy and safety of the services and facilities provided in the harbour and ensure appropriate resources are made available to meet the harbours marine safety obligations.</i>	
SPO1	Maintain and review annually a Marine Safety Management System (MSMS) and report PMSC compliance as required to the DfT
SPO2	Engage with marine service providers, organisations and individual users on marine operations and events
SPO4	Maintain a patrol presence on the water as required
SPO5	Participate in Portsmouth Water Safety Forum, Solent Operational Group, Solent Navigation & Pilotage Co-ordinating Committee and Nab VTS Users Group to co-ordinate and improve safety within the harbour and in local waters
SPO6	Maintain an enforcement capability and carry out enforcement action where required
SPO7	Set the standard for levels of training and qualification of marine staff in line with national requirements and best practice
SPO8	Conduct incident investigation in line with published MCA and MAIB guidance

Environmental duty	
<i>To manage environmental features in the harbour and have due regard to nature conservation as well as pollution control and response; and to liaise with relevant authorities for conservation, flood defence, erosion risk and coastal management locally.</i>	
ED1	Maintain adequate Tier 1 pollution response, train staff to respond to pollution events and retain a contract with an accredited Tier 2 response organisation
ED2	Liaise with coastal management, flood defence and erosion risk management authorities (EA, MMO and Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership) with regard to construction and dredge operations within the harbour
ED3	Accommodate recreational use of the harbour on a scale and at an intensity consistent with overall environmental goal in the Langstone Harbour Management Plan ⁰¹
ED4	Accommodate commercial use of the harbour in so far as it is compatible with overall environmental goal Langstone Harbour Management Plan ⁰²
ED5	Seek to improve quality of water in the harbour ⁰⁵
ED6	Encourage land use and management practices on land around the harbour that will maintain and enhance value to nature conservation and quality of its landscape ⁰⁸
ED7	Establish a monitoring programme to provide information about the health of the harbour's natural resources, recreation and commercial life ⁰¹⁰
ED8	Liaise with Southern IFCA, Natural England, Solent Forum, Hampshire Wildlife Trust, EA, MMO

	and RSPB as required to conserve designated sites in and around the harbour and in local waters
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Civil Contingencies and port security duty

To take account of the harbour's responsibility as a Category 2 response organisation, including planning, preparing and co-ordinating responses to emergencies which threaten serious damage to human welfare, the environment or security and to appoint a port security officer with responsibility for port security as required.

CCS1	Attend the Local Resilience Forum as a Category 2 organisation
CCS2	Provide a permanent duty point of contact for border security agencies, emergency services and UK SAR organisations taking actions as required
CCS3	Complete CERS reporting actions for ships as required
CCS4	Work with commercial port facility operators to maintain an appropriate security level at operational quaysides
CCS5	Maintain infrastructure for a secondary transport link on and off Hayling Island

Responsibility for revising duties and powers

To keep under review the powers and jurisdiction of Langstone Harbour in relation to its duties as a statutory harbour authority, to comply with appropriate standards of governance and amend statutory powers as and when required.

RDP1	Keep under review general duties and responsibilities and promote Harbour Revision Orders (HRO) where deficiencies are identified
RDP2	Review and amend the harbour regulations (directions or byelaws) as required
RDP3	Keep under review governance arrangements and policies to be in line with national best practice

Financial responsibility

To ensure that the harbour is properly funded to carry out its core functions for safety, conservancy education and interpretation and to generate income through gathering harbour dues, provision of leisure moorings for residential and visiting vessels and the provision of other cost effective marine services for the benefit of harbour users.

FR1	Manage the costs of staffing the harbour through periodic staff review and participation in annual BPA salary benchmarking exercise ^{1.1}
FR2	Maximise income through marketing and provision of residential and visitor moorings ^{2.1, 2.2}
FR3	Maximise income through provision of marine services (including fuel) using Harbour staff and vessels to offset operational costs where this is possible and does not impact on conservancy functions
FR4	Monitor costs of providing a pilotage service passing costs to end users
FR5	Ensure that Harbour Dues and other charges are set at an appropriate level to fund the harbour undertaking ^{2.3}
FR6	Carry out annual budget setting and monitoring process ^{1.2}
FR7	Report deficiencies in revenues that cannot be made good from the reserve fund to the Local Authorities at the earliest opportunity
FR8	Ensure returns on investments are maximised ^{2.4}

Stakeholder engagement responsibility

To participate in appropriate local, regional and national consultation and to engage effectively on significant decisions where appropriate with a wide range of stakeholders through a stakeholder advisory body, open forum, social media presence and production of an annual report.

SE1	Maintain Harbour Advisory Committee for stakeholder engagement
SE2	Hold AGM of stakeholders and publish an annual report including stakeholder benefit statement ^{4.2}
SE3	Encourage the formation of user groups and actively engage with these groups
SE4	Engage with Local Authorities where possible with regard to annual contributions, precepts and to align positions on strategic opportunities for development within and adjacent to the harbour (with reference to Minerals Plan and Local Plan, Portsmouth seafront Master Plan etc.)
SE5	Involve Harbour users and those interested in the study of its natural resources in the work of the Harbour Advisory Committee and in programmes of monitoring, interpretation and environmental improvement ^{0.4}

Responsibility to promote and improve the harbour as an asset

To safeguard Langstone Harbour as a valuable asset and to hand it on in the same or better

condition to succeeding generations through promoting its environmental importance and improving the harbour for commercial and leisure marine sectors.

PIA1	Promote the improvement of facilities and moorings for small vessels
PIA2	Ensure continued use of the harbour by commercial traffic
PIA3	Protect features of historic and archaeological significance in and around the Harbour ⁰⁷
PIA4	Encourage interpretation and understanding of the natural history and landscape of the harbour as a means of achieving responsible use of the harbour's resources ⁰⁹
PIA5	Keep the Langstone Harbour management plan under review ^{4.1}

Priority Projects

- A. Harbour Office broadband connectivity modernisation to enable business continuity, more flexible employment and improve opportunities for remote payment of slipway fees.
- B. Staff review with a regard to current marine operations gapping and outlook for the next five years.
- C. Development of engineering asset management plan and prioritisation of Eastney Pontoon repair/replacement strategy.
- D. Collaborative work with PCC on Fort Cumberland and Ferry Road seafront development concept.
- E. Collaborative work with AI on Kendall's Wharf extension project.
- F. Review and renewal of Langstone Harbour Management Plan
- G. Collaboration with other harbour authorities and environment groups on Nature Recovery Area