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HARBOURS

Endeavour Wharf

The £80K of repair work which commenced on 11 May to the North East corner of Endeavour Wharf was completed on 24 July. The engineering solution has proved successful and designed in a way which can be replicated further along the wharf.

Dalby Offshore

Further to the proposed lease of an area of Endeavour Wharf to Dalby Offshore Services it is intended to place an exhibition in the Whitby TIC commencing on the 29 August and running to 12 September 2015. In association a public consultation event, open to all, will take place at Whitby Coliseum on Sat 5 September 2015. The event will run from 10am until 5pm with presentations at 11am and 3pm. This will be publicised in local and social media.

Ports Aids to Navigation

Scarborough Borough Council in its role as a Local Lighthouse Authority has recently undergone an inspection by the General Lighthouse Authority. This is a requirement of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1995. Trinity Houses' Inspector of Seamarks found all Navigation aids at Scarborough and Whitby to be in good and efficient order.

Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC)

As part of the ongoing regime of audits and reviews of the Ports Safety Management Systems, and following recommendations within the Port Marine Safety Code an external audit was recently commissioned. The purpose of this three yearly audit was to carry out a "health check" in order to confirm, or otherwise, that the Duty Holders SBC/WHB continued to comply with the PMSC. AFS Consultants were duly appointed following which the audit took place on 22 June.

In summary the auditor's view was that the Harbour Master and his staff must be commended for their continuing commitment to the Code. The Ports SMS is concise and generates useful records through worthwhile procedures. Noting that a strong element of professionalism, pride and attention to detail was readily apparent during the audit. Overall Scarborough and Whitby Harbours complies satisfactorily with the Port Marine Safety Code and has adequate systems in place.

I would congratulate my staff for their continuing good work; I have come to expect nothing less.

ISPS (International Ship and Port Facility Security Code)

Under the auspices of the Ship and Port Facility (Security) Regulations, the Port of Whitby was recently inspected by the Department for Transport's Maritime Security and Resilience Division. While the contents of the audit are officially sensitive it is pleasing to comment that no major non conformities were observed. Noting that the procedures and practises in place conform to national security regulations.

COAST AND FLOOD PROTECTION

The projects listed below are those that contain an indicative allocation of EA Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management grant aid funding within the 2015 to 2021 period.

Scarborough Spa Coast Protection Scheme

The business case (Project Appraisal Report) (PAR) has been submitted to the Environment Agencies (EA) Large Project Review Group which considers the technical aspects of all Flood and Coastal Projects exceeding £10m nationally.

The technical aspects of the project have been agreed however discussions are ongoing regarding the amount of grant the project can attract particularly with regard to the risk to life calculations.

The overall cost of the scheme has been significantly reduced due to taking a phased approach. The first phase being to focus on Cliff Stability and a Risk Management Plan to address seawall condition and overtopping risk.

NYCC, through its Executive, has agreed to underwrite up to £1.2m in the event of a contribution being necessary to allow the scheme to progress. A report to Cabinet is in preparation.

Whitby Church Street Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 1

Work is in progress to prepare the tender documentation to appoint a Consultant to design the works and obtain planning permission.

Whitby Harbour Piers Coast Protection Scheme

Funding has been secured to move forward with the tendering phase for the construction of this scheme. Over the coming months the procurement of contractors will be undertaken through the tender process. This will be followed by detailed design, obtaining relevant permissions and calculating a scheme cost.

Robin Hood's Bay PAR

A PAR (Business Case) is currently been developed for possible improvements to the main concrete seawall in Robin Hoods Bay. The current wall is in need of investment to provide future longevity of the structure. Two investigations have been completed to investigate the wall's structure and drainage network. The project is

currently analysing the results of these surveys to move to the next stage of project development.

Runswick Bay Coastal Strategy 2

The Strategy has been approved by the EA's LPRG and a report will be submitted to Cabinet as soon as possible. Work has commenced on developing a business case to undertake the works as recommended in the Strategy.

Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme

Work on the business case (PAR) continues.

Planning application was submitted in August.

A public drop in session was held at the Evron centre in July which was attended by 64 residents who all wholeheartedly supported the project.

Unfortunately the Yorwaste option to allow our excess material to be utilised to assist in capping off the Seamer Carr Landfill site has not proved possible.

We continue exploring ways to reduce the overall cost of the project to ensure it proceeds although there may be a requirement for the Borough Council to make a financial commitment.

Filey Bay and Cayton Bay Coastal Strategy

The key strategic coastal defence challenges on this coastal frontage are how to adapt to coastal change and the management of the residual risks in the interim. The frontage includes the Filey sea defences and importantly the communities of Knipe Point and Flat Cliffs where ongoing instability and coastal erosion issues are a cause for concern.

It is pleasing to mention that officers were invited to submit and present a paper, on their experiences in delivering the Pathfinder Project at Knipe Point to the Institute of Civil Engineers Coastal Management Conference 2015 to be held in Amsterdam next month. The conference brings together experts from around the world to share knowledge, research and best practice on coastal issues.

Water frame Work Directive (WFD) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

This project covers the coastline from the Scottish Boarder to Flamborough Head and is being delivered on behalf of the North East Coastal Authorities Group. The project will include a review of SMP2 Action Plans.