

	REPORT TO CABINET TO BE HELD ON 15 MAY 2018	
	Key Decision	NO
Corporate Aims All	Forward Plan Ref No	38
	Cabinet Portfolio Holders	Councillor M Cockerill

REPORT OF: Director (LD) – 18/99

WARDS AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF FISHING SECTOR AT SCARBOROUGH HARBOUR (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD)

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To present the findings and recommendations of the Review of the Fishing Sector at Scarborough Harbour, as endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 25 April 2018. Report reference 18/87 attached.

RECOMMENDATION (S):

That the Cabinet be recommended to adopt the following elements in an outline Action Plan for Scarborough Harbour to support the local fishing industry within the framework of the Strategic Business Plan:

- (i) *In general, to ensure that any development at Scarborough Harbour maintains current levels of fishing activity, and seeks to continue investment in and maintenance of such facilities.*
- (ii) *In particular, to consider*
 - *Providing an additional davit to improve the harbour's efficiency*
 - *Maintaining and if possible improving HGV access to the piers*
 - *Improving facilities for boat maintenance such as a hardstanding area to service boat hulls etc at low tide*

- *A reconfiguration of buildings on the West Pier to achieve better use of space for the benefit of the holding and processing sectors and to contribute to the regeneration of the West Pier*
- *Other means of securing the recent gains and successes of the local shellfish industry, namely the cooperation and pooling of resources between catching and processing sectors to drive value out of a local shellfish brand and the development of a lobster hatchery.*

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S):

To provide an accurate assessment of the current and future requirements of the fishing industry at Scarborough Harbour, to ensure these requirements are taken into account in the delivery of the Strategic Business Plan for the Harbour.

HIGHLIGHTED RISKS:

By not accurately assessing the current and future requirements of the fishing industry at Scarborough Harbour, there are risks that these requirements may not be fully taken into account in the delivery of the Strategic Business Plan to the potential detriment of the fishing sector.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This review chaired by Councillor Mark Vesey was commissioned by the Overview and Scrutiny Board so as to obtain a clear understanding of the current activity and resources of the fishing industry and of its future requirements at Scarborough Harbour for the duration of the Strategic Business Plan to 2030, and of the harbour resources needed to support these requirements.
- 1.2 The findings of the review are drawn from the Task Group's series of meetings with harbour staff, local stakeholders, an expert panel, and lastly, Bridlington Harbour Commissioners as a comparator.



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Background Papers:

None

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