

## **Item: 9**

### **Harbour Authority Sub-committee: 18 March 2025.**

#### **1. Recommendations**

**It is recommended:**

##### **1.1.**

That the Committee approves the attached minute as a true record.

##### **1.2.**

That the Committee considers the recommendations at paragraph 1.4, 3.2 and 4.

#### **2. Appendix**

Draft Minute of the Meeting of the Harbour Authority Sub-committee held on 18 March 2025.

# Minute

## Harbour Authority Sub-committee

Tuesday, 18 March 2025, 09:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



## Present

Councillors Kristopher D Leask, Graham A Bevan, P Lindsay Hall, Ivan A Taylor and Duncan A Tullock.

## Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillors Mellissa-Louise Thomson and Heather N Woodbridge.

## Clerk

- Katy Russell-Duff, Committees Officer.

## In Attendance

- Gareth Waterson, Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.
- James Buck, Head of Marine Services, Transportation and Harbour Master.
- Karen Bevilacqua, Service Manager (Legal Services).
- Shonagh Merriman, Service Manager (Corporate Finance).
- David Sawkins, Deputy Harbour Master (Strategy and Support).

## Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

## Chair

- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.

## **1. Scapa Flow Oil Port and Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours**

### **Draft Revenue Budgets**

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

**1.1.** That provision of £2,738,600 had been made within the revenue budget for Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours in respect of maintenance and repairs works.

**1.2.** That, after applying inflationary and budget assumptions, the draft revenue budget in respect of Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours for 2025/26, detailed in Annex A to the report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, indicated a net surplus of £2,349,800.

**1.3.** That, after applying inflationary and budget assumptions, the draft revenue budget in respect of Scapa Flow Oil Port for 2025/26, detailed in Annex A to the report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, indicated a net surplus of £488,900.

The Sub-committee resolved to **recommend to the Council:**

**1.4.** That the draft revenue budgets for 2025/26 in respect of the Scapa Flow Oil Port and Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours, as detailed in Annex A to the report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, be approved.

## **2. Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours**

### **Proposed Revenue Maintenance Programme**

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Marine Services, Transportation and Harbour Master, the Sub-committee:

Resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that, subject to an adequate budget being established, the revenue maintenance programme for Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours for 2025/26, attached as Appendix 1 to this Minute, be approved.

## **3. Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and Scapa Flow Oil Port**

### **Proposed Minor Capital Improvement Programmes**

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Marine Services, Transportation and Harbour Master, the Sub-committee:

Resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

**3.1.** That, subject to adequate budgets being established, the minor capital improvement programmes for Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and Scapa Flow Oil Port for 2025/26, attached as Appendices 2 and 3 respectively to this Minute, be approved.

The Sub-committee resolved to **recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee:**

**3.2.** That the capital allocation within the Non-General Fund capital programme for 2025/26 be increased from £300,000 to £1,615,500, in respect of minor capital improvement works for Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours.

#### **4. Orkney Harbour Authority Hydrographic Policy**

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, together with an Island Communities Impact Assessment, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Deputy Harbour Master (Strategy and Support), the Sub-committee:

Resolved to **recommend to the Council** that the Hydrographic Policy for the Orkney Harbour Authority, attached as Appendix 4 to this Minute be adopted.

#### **5. Conclusion of Meeting**

At 10:26 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed:

Appendix 1

Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours Revenue Maintenance - 2025/2026

Detail	Amount	Sub-total	Comment
	£	£	
<b>Retention from previous projects due in 2025/26</b>			
NI Fender Replacement - Eday & Stronsay	3,000		Retention due Dec 25
Kettletoft Pier	6,500		Retention due Apr 25
Stromness South Pier Repairs	2,800		Retention due Apr 25
Pier Lighting Replacement - Stromness, Burray, Loth & Rapness	7,500		Retention due Dec 25
Stromness Walkway and Linkspan Painting	10,000		Retention due Nov 25
Kirkwall Pier Break Tank	6,000		Retention due Nov 25
Scapa Pier Power Upgrade	24,000		Retention due Oct 25
Hydrographic Surveys - Year 4	25,000		Year 4 payment
Hatston Linkspan Painting	7,000		Retention due Dec 25
Misc Pier Ladders (Kirkwall, Sutherland, Moaness, Shapinsay, Hatston)	6,000		Retention due Mar 26
Hatston Slip Repairs	6,800		Retention due Nov 25
		104,600	
<b>2024/25 projects carried forward</b>			
Hatston Passenger Walkway Painting	280,000		Repainting of Passenger Walkway
Pole Star Pier concrete repairs and ladder replacement	50,000		Exsiting ladder missing, replacement reqd to comply with regs, existing sections of pier concrete strucutre damaged
Eday Ferry Terminal wave screens, fenders, ladders and timber capsil	450,000		Wave screens and fender repairs, replacement ladders and capsil
Stronsay East Pier Repairs	75,000		NOTE: This is year 1 of a two year programme. Budget for year 2 £275,000
Rousay Pier surfacing and timber fenders	100,000		Surfacing to old pier
Longhope Pier Lighting	75,000		Replacing lighting fittings to comply with regulations
Kirkwall Pier Lighting	250,000		Replacing lighting fittings to comply with regulations
Stronsay Ferry Terminal Lighting	100,000		Replacing lighting fittings to comply with regulations
		1,380,000	
<b>Proposed 2025/26</b>			
Holm Pier Repairs	80,000		Ladders and pointing to west side.
Kirkwall North Pier Deck Slabs - quay side by tanker and north berths	75,000		NOTE: This is year 1 of a two year programme. Budget for year 2 £375,000
Coplands Dock fender ladders	130,000		Amend/replace existing ladders mounted to fenders - existing ladders does not comply with regulations
Stronsay West Pier Repairs - Investigation / design	50,000		Undermining along both sides
Loth Pier deck slabs	150,000		Settlement to deck slabs
Rapness Pier deck slabs	175,000		Settlement to deck slabs and loose slab at linkspan, possible larger issue.
Scapa Pier, cracked cope beam, sheet piles split, galvanised steps poor. Fendering to corner	160,000		cracked cope beam, sheet piles split, galvanised steps poor. Fendering to corner
Hatston WeighBridge Control Upgrade as per Stromness 2023 system	31,000		
		851,000	
<b>Pier Lighting upgrades (material supply only)</b>			
Shapinsay	28,000		
Eday	30,000		
Tingwall	20,000		
		78,000	
<b>Maintenance Dredging 2025/26</b>			
Stronsay channel dredge	150,000		MS currently progressing licensing
Flotta dredge	75,000		MS currently progressing licensing
Stromness harbour	50,000		MS currently progressing licensing
Perparation works for following year dredging	50,000		26/27 programme likely to include Burray, Egilsay & Wyre dredging as a minimum.
		325,000	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,738,600</b>	<b>2,738,600</b>	

**Appendix 1**

**Miscellaneous Piers & Harbours Minor Capital Programme 2025/2026**

<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>Comment</b>
	£	£	
<b>Proposed</b>			
NI Linkspans Control System Upgrades	600,000		Year 1 of two year programme. Year 2 budget £600,000. Will be subject to CPA process
Stromness/Hatston Linkspan Control System Upgrade.	650,000		Will be subject to CPA process
Stromness Pier Lighting Upgrade	1,000		Carried forward from 24/25
Standby Generator - Kirkwall Pier Linkspan	22,500		Improvement to internal ferry services in event of power failure
		1,273,500	
<b>Capital Dredging 2025/26</b>			
Stromness marina dredging	200,000		Capital dredge in preparation for Marina expansion plans
		200,000	
<b>Vehicle replacement</b>			
Land Rover Defender 110	35,000		Replacement programme
Iveco Pickup / Van	48,000		Replacement programme
3.5t Forklift	35,000		New - subject to further committee report
Electric Van	24,000		Replacement programme
		142,000	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1,615,500</b>	

## Appendix 2

<b>Scapa Flow Oil Port Minor Capital Programme 2025/2026</b>	
<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	£
Proposed 2025/26	
Upgrades to Pilot Vessels:-	
John Rae, upgrade of Navigation equipment	52,000
John Rae, Supply & Installation of Goodchild MOB Platform	68,000
<b>Grand total:</b>	

Sub-total	Comment
£	
120,000	
120,000	



Appendix 1:



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### **Hydrographic Policy for Orkney Harbours**

The safety of navigation is dependent upon the provision of relevant, up to date hydrographic information, delivered in a form most appropriate to each sector of the wide spectrum of harbour and port users. To this end Orkney Harbours will:

- Undertake such hydrographic surveys as are necessary, and as a minimum as per the hydrographic program maintained by the Service Manager (Engineering), (the program being reviewed on an annual basis), in order to assist with the safe and efficient navigation within harbour areas;
- Carry out a managed program of hydrographic surveys of the seabed in all Orkney Harbour Areas as defined in the Orkney County Council Act 1974 and amendments;
- Set and maintain programmes, standards and specifications for Orkney Harbours hydrographic services;
- Provide harbour and port users with up-to-date, timely and accurate hydrographic information, and where appropriate on a commercial basis;
- Provide timely and accurate tidal data;
- Maintain hydrographic and tidal information;
- Maintain a close liaison with, and provide relevant data to, the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office;

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*Nothing in this Policy will subvert existing Harbour Byelaws, Special or General Directions, regulations or terms and conditions.*