

**SCHEDULE OF RATES AND DUES AT COMHAIRLE PIERS AND HARBOURS
2016/2017**

Report by Director of Technical Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT To seek approval of a revised Schedule of Rates and Dues at Comhairle piers and harbours for the year 2015/2016.

COMPETENCE

- 1.1 There are no legal, financial, equalities or other constraints to the recommendations being implemented. The Comhairle is empowered to levy dues under Section 26 (2) of the Harbours Act 1964 and Sections 25–33 of the Harbours, Docks and Piers (Clauses) Act 1847. Any financial implications will be subject to approval of the Comhairle Budget 2016/17.

SUMMARY

- 2.1 In accordance with the agreement that there should be an annual review of the Schedule of Rates and Dues at Comhairle Piers and Harbours, this report proposes, for Members consideration, a new scale of dues to be applied from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.
- 2.2 It is proposed that there be a flat rate increase of 1.1%, being Retail Price Index (RPI) in August 2015, to all sections of the Schedule of Rates and Dues subject to consideration of the financial model in the Revenue Estimates process.
- 2.3 It is also proposed that a further 3.9%, to achieve approximately £25K additional income, is levied on all sections of the Schedule of Rates and Dues, subject to approval of the Comhairle's Budget 2016/17.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 **It is recommended that the Comhairle agree:**
- (a) **the proposed Schedule of Rates and Dues appended to this Report, being the scale of charges to be applied to the Comhairle's various piers and harbours based on an increase of 1.1%, with effect from 1 April 2016, subject to consideration of the financial model in the Revenue Estimates process; and**
 - (b) **to increase the Schedule of Rates and Dues by a further 3.9%, with effect from 1 April 2016, subject to approval of the Comhairle's Budget 2016/17.**

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Appendix Proposed Schedule of Rates and Dues 2016/17

Background Papers: Report to February 2015 Series of Meetings