

**Allerdale Borough Council**  
**Meeting – Date 20 June 2014**  
**Harbour Master's Update**

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<b>The Reason for the Report</b>	<b>The report provides an update on developments affecting Harrington Harbour for consideration by the Board</b>
<b>Summary of options considered</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>It is recommended members note the content of the report.</b>
<b>Financial / Resource Implications</b>	<b>None.</b>
<b>Legal / Governance Implications</b>	<b>None.</b>
<b>Community Safety Implications</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Health and Safety and Risk Management Implications</b>	<b>The report forms part of the risk management procedure.</b>
<b>Equality Duty considered / Impact Assessment completed</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Wards Affected</b>	<b>Harrington</b>
<b>The contribution this decision would make to the Council's priorities</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Is this a Key Decision</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	<b>The portfolio holder for asset management is Councillor Barbara Cannon</b>
<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Ged Doran Harbourmaster Tel 07919162944 Ged.Doran@allerdale.gov.uk</b>

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**Report Implications** (Please delete where applicable).

Community Safety	N	Employment (external to the Council)	N
Financial	N	Employment (internal)	N
Legal	N	Partnership	N
Social Inclusion	N	Asset Management	Y
Equality Duty	N	Health and Safety	Y

Background papers ... None

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**1.0 Introduction**

The report is intended to keep the Harbour Board informed of current and future issues regarding Harrington Harbour

**2.0 Content**

Mooring holders, inner harbour dredging, mooring gear, fly tipping, trouble with Youths jumping into the harbour mouth, misuse of life belts. boat planters and future activities for Harrington Youth club

**2.1 Mooring holders.**

Three centre mooring holders have left the Harbour in recent weeks leaving all centre moorings vacant. Several reasons were given for their departure; (1) the increase in moorings fees, (2) conditions within the harbour, (3) debris coming into the harbour via the River Wyre and snagging on mooring lines. I am very sadden by their departure as two of the boat owners had been involved in sailing and boating in Harrington for several years and one in particular has assisted me in laying moorings etc.

**2.2 Inner harbour dredging.**

The mud on the inner harbour roads has built up quite significantly over the last few months and is making mooring inspections very difficult to carry out and will need to be scaled down sooner rather than later. The problem is that when we clear the roads the mud in the centre is higher so after a few tides the roads are covered again.

**2.3 Mooring gear.**

I am at the moment seeking prices for mooring equipment and am quite shocked at the increase in costs since we last purchased equipment. The increase has risen to over 50% but never-the-less the equipment is essential to have at hand at all times and some of the centre mooring chains will need replaced over the winter months.

**2.4 Fly tipping.**

We have recently had another incident of fly tipping at the Harbour. The rubbish was discarded at the bottom of the ramp to the rear of South Pier and at one time debris was floating just under the surface in the outer harbour basin making it a danger to small vessels making their way in and out of the harbour. This behaviour is totally unacceptable and unnecessary as there are facilities within Allerdale for people to get rid of their unwanted goods.

I would urge any members of the public to report to the Police any vehicle they see discarding rubbish in and around the harbour area. We have many people visiting Harrington Harbour at this time of year and this type uncaring behaviour doesn't give a good impression.

#### 2.5 Trouble with youths jumping into the harbour mouth.

Again we are at the time of year when the sun occasionally shines which brings the young people down to Harrington to enjoy the sea. Unfortunately there are those among them who are still putting themselves at risk by jumping into the harbour mouth. I recently reported this behaviour to Cumbria Police who said they would visit and deal with it. I would remind those youths and their parents to be mindful of the two incidents we had last year when two young people sustained injuries while jumping off the Pier. One of the injuries I believe was quite serious.

#### 2.6 Misuse of lifebelts.

Lifebelts are also being discarded or stolen and I would remind everyone that the lifebelts are there for the benefit of the general public should they ever be needed.

#### 2.7 Boat planters.

The local youth club have started working on the boat planters with help from their instructors and members of the community. I have another 3 little boats which were given to me by Bill Hurst of Whitehaven Sailing and Boat Club, but I favour a different theme with these and would hope they will be sited before the summer is out.

**Ged Doran  
Harbour Master**