



SOUTHWOLD HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday, 14 July 2022

Subject	Term of Office of Co-opted Member Mike Pickles
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Is the report Open or Exempt?	OPEN
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Category of Exempt Information and reason why it is NOT in the public interest to disclose the exempt information.	Not applicable
Wards Affected:	Southwold

Purpose and high-level overview

Purpose of Report:

To consider extending the Term of Office of Co-opted Member, Mike Pickles, for a further 3 year term.

Recommendation:

That Mike Pickles be Co-opted for a further 3 year Term of Office onto the Southwold Harbour Management Committee.

Impact Assessment

Governance:

The reasons for the establishment of the HMC have been agreed in previous reports to the Southwold Harbour Lands Joint Committee. As previously agreed in report ES/0683, the Co-opted vacancies were advertised and following the due appointments process, 4 Co-opted Members were appointed. The HMC Terms of Reference are prescriptive regarding the length of term of office and Mike Pickles was appointed for only 1 year. Therefore, Mike Pickle's Term of Office needs to be reviewed by the HMC at this time.

Environmental:

The HMC must act in the best interests of the Port, which includes ensuring its long term sustainability and success. Environmental factors will be taken into account in the decisions which the HMC will make.

Equalities and Diversity:

The EIA was up-dated to take account of the impact of the establishment of the HMC on those with protected characteristics. No adverse impacts were identified.

Financial:

The HMC is a Committee of the Cabinet. Its costs of administration will be absorbed by the Democratic Services/Members budget, in the same way as any other Committee of the Council is accounted for.

The costs of Members and Co-opted Members attending the meetings can be absorbed by the Members Budget.

Legal:

The HMC was set up in accordance with the Ports Good Governance Guide of 2018, published by the Department for Transport and available as a link in Report ES/0683 (2 March 2021 referenced below and available on CMIS)

Risk:

There are no particular risks identified with these proposals.

Harbour Business Plan Priorities

To be added when the plan is in place.

East Suffolk Council Strategic Plan Priorities

Select the themes of the Strategic Plan which are supported by this proposal:		
T01	Growing our Economy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
T02	Enabling our Communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
T03	Maintaining Financial Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
T04	Delivering Digital Transformation	<input type="checkbox"/>
T05	Caring for our Environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Background and Justification for Recommendation

1 Background facts	
1.1	At the East Suffolk Council's Cabinet held on 1 June 2021, the Cabinet confirmed the appointments to the Southwold Harbour Management Committee (HMC).
1.2	This comprised of 5 Cabinet Members - Councillor Rivett, Councillor Cook, Councillor Mallinder, Councillor Ritchie and Councillor Smith.
1.3	Four Co-opted Members were also appointed, for varying terms of office, in accordance with the HMC's Terms of Reference. The Co-opted appointments were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alistair MacFarlane as a Co-opted Member of the HMC for a term of 3 years, • David Gledhill and Richard Musgrove as Co-opted Members for the term of 2 years and • Mike Pickles as a Co-Opted Member of the HMC for a term of 1 year.
1.4	These appointments formally established the HMC on 1 June 2021.
1.5	The HMC then met for the first time in July 2021.

2 Current position	
2.1	The Term of Office of Mike Pickles, Co-opted Member of the HMC, comes to an end on 31 July 2022, after he has served on the HMC for 1 year.
2.2	The HMC needs to consider a way forward regarding Mike Pickles Term of Office.

3 How to address current situation	
3.1	<p>The HMCs Terms of Reference, paragraph 3.4, states that:</p> <p><i>'Co-opted Members who sit for only one or two years in the first term may be appointed for one or two subsequent three-year terms without further competition being required.'</i></p>

3.2	It is therefore proposed that Mike Pickles be appointed as a Co-opted Member for a further 3 year Term of Office.
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4 Reasons for recommendation	
4.1	It is important that the HMC has a full complement of Members and Co-opted Members in order to carry out its work.
4.2	The Terms of Reference state that it is not necessary for further competition for Co-opted Members who sit for only 1 year in the first term. Mike Pickles brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the HMC that helps it to carry out its work. Therefore it is in the best interests of the HMC that Mike Pickles be Co-opted for a further 3 year term of office.

Appendices

Appendices:
None

Background reference papers:
None