LYMINGTON HARBOUR – ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Lymington Harbour Commission (LHC) is committed to achieving high standards of environmental protection through a framework of setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets relating to conservation, regulation and management of the Harbour. Within the scope of its activities and services, LHC will:

- Carry out LHC's functions in an environmentally responsible manner. Publish an environmental policy and climate change policy and keep them under review.
- Halve 2021/22 (baseline) greenhouse gas emissions generated from LHC's direct activities (scope 1 & 2) before 2030 and achieve net zero before 2050.
- Develop actions that deliver environmental policy objectives and report on environmental performance in LHC's Annual Report.
- Comply with its statutory and regulatory duties and other compliance obligations.
- Seek to protect the harbour by preventing pollution and minimising environmental impacts as far as possible. In collaboration with Wightlink, maintain, exercise, and keep under review an Oil Spill Contingency Plan that has been certified by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.
- Maintain and develop the Maintenance Dredging Protocol for sustainable dredging in the Harbour. Identify opportunities to beneficially use sediment from dredging operations locally to restore or create new saltmarsh and intertidal habitat.
- Maintain and keep under review an MCA approved Waste Management Plan. Continually assess recycling, re-use and waste minimisation opportunities and report on actions and initiatives to reduce waste and clean up litter.
- Collaborate with other organisations including in innovative ways, on the protection and improvement of the natural environment within LHC's jurisdiction and surrounding areas.
- Be an active member of the Solent European Marine Site (SEMS) Management Group. Contribute to the annual reporting process and proportionally implement relevant recommendations for the conservation and management of the site.
- Actively support environmental protection and improvement projects as part of its trust port stakeholder responsibilities.
- Raise awareness about environmental issues and encourage good environmental practice by employees, boat users and other stakeholders.

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