
Report To:	Regeneration Committee	Date: 2 September 2010
Report By:	Corporate Director Regeneration and Environment	Report No: R159/10/JL/JL
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Subject:	Custom House Quay: PS Waverley	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of progress regarding the repairs required to Custom House Quay to permit continued use by P S Waverley and other visiting vessels, and on proposals regarding charging for use of the facility by visiting vessels.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 It is proposed to carry out the required repairs to the fenders at Customhouse Quay utilising the Capital Budget – ‘Minor Repairs at the discretion of the Head of Property Assets and Facilities Management’.
- 2.2 Regeneration Committee previously (25 May 2010) confirmed that the Council would continue to support the P.S. Waverley by allowing it to use of the berthing facility on the same basis as past years.
- 2.3 Property Assets & Facilities Management are progressing recommendations regarding charging for berthing and will bring forward proposals to the next Committee meeting.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Committee approves the use of the Capital Budget – ‘Minor Repairs at the discretion of the Head of Property Assets and Facilities Management’ to carry out the necessary repairs to the quayside.

Joe Lynch
Head of Property Assets & Facilities Management

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At the previous Regeneration Committee (25 May 2010), it was agreed that the necessary repair to the quayside fenders be carried out, and officers were asked to identify a suitable budget from which the costs could be drawn, and revert to Committee with proposals.
- 4.2 The use of the berth by vessels other than the Waverley over the past few years has been minimal, only two or three per year, and these tend to be visiting foreign sail training ships run by charitable organisations. Clyde Port Authority do not charge these vessels for berthing or pilotage.
- 4.3 Facilities at Custom House Quay are limited, for example there are no services readily to hand. To intensify the use of the quay would involve considerable investment in facilities and that is outwith the scope of this report. It is not therefore envisaged that many more vessels will make use of the berth in the short term. The use should be monitored and if there is a change the position can be reviewed.
- 4.4 A Charging and Abatements scheme is being developed for presentation to Committee (28 October 2010) which will take cognisance of the volume and nature of berthing traffic as well as the potential income generation and associated administration costs.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 It is proposed to carry out the repairs utilising the Capital Budget – ‘Minor Repairs at the discretion of the Head of Property Assets and Facilities Management’.
- 5.2 It is proposed to carry out the repairs at the end of the sailing season in the Autumn of 2010.
- 5.3 It is proposed that recommendations regarding berthing charges be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial Services – One Off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed spend This Report	Virement From	Other Comments
Property Assets & Facilities Management – Capital	Minor Works 2009/10/11	2010/11	£25,000	N/A	N/A

- 6.2 Financial Services – Annually Recurring Costs / (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Head of Legal and Democratic Services comments No Comments

7.2 The Head of Regeneration and Planning comments No comments

7.3 The Chief Financial Officer comments No comments

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 'Customhouse Quay, Greenock: PS Waverley' – Report to Regeneration Committee 25 May 2010.