

REPORT TO: Cabinet – 7 July 2008
City Council – 22 July 2008

REPORT BY: Port Manager

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CONTINENTAL FERRY PORT – BERTH 3/4 EXTENSION

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to

- a) Advise Members of the requirement for an extension to the existing Berth 3/4 jetty and,
- b) To seek Members' approval to proceed with the appointment of a contractor to design and construct the works, together with approval to the budget for this appointment.

2. Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- a) The Port Manager be authorised to appoint a contractor for the design and construction of an extension to the existing Berth 3/4 jetty.
- b) New capital expenditure in the sum identified in the exempt financial appraisal be approved for this scheme and that this be financed from Revenue Contributions to Capital over the coming years in accordance with the associated increase in Port dues.

3. Background

- 3.1 LD lines, a major customer of the Port, is introducing an additional ferry in November 2008 on the service from Portsmouth to Le Havre. This vessel is presently under construction in Italy. Unlike the present vessel that they already have on this route which moors bow in at Portsmouth, the new ferry only has a stern door, which means that it will moor with its stern to the berth. In the trend of all modern ferries the vessel has a long and wide stern ramp for ease of loading/unloading, but because of this feature, the vessel itself will by necessity be moored some way off the linkspan in order to operate. This in turn has the knock on effect of pushing the bow beyond the length of the berth and provides nowhere for the front of the ship to be moored to. Le Havre port is experiencing exactly the same problem and is providing an additional mooring dolphin.

- 3.2 An extension to the jetty is necessary to enable safe mooring of the new LD lines vessel and hence to secure the income generated from this new trade. It also has the added bonus of extending not only no. 3 berth where the LD ship will berth, but also the adjacent no. 4 berth for the future.
- 3.3 The Harbour Revision Order obtained for the last extension of the jetty in 1994, allowed for the future extension of the jetty. Only relatively minor consents are required and obtaining these is not expected to cause any difficulty.
- 3.4 It is proposed to extend the jetty by some 50m, by constructing a new dolphin to seaward of the existing outer caisson. Contractors will be invited to submit their design and construct proposals, which will be evaluated on cost, timescale and disruption to services.

4. Financial Appraisal

Details of the Financial Estimate are in the attached Exempt Appendix.

5. City Solicitor’s Comments

The City Solicitor confirms that the Council has power to carry out the work recommended in this report.

This Report is Business Confidential because of procurement purposes and the project’s commercial sensitivity.

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 Port Manager

Background List of Documents

Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report: -

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/approved as amended/deferred/rejected by the Executive on

Signed