

Pilotage Policy

The Authority will maintain the level of service required by the Haven Ports Pilotage Committee (HPPC) as safely, efficiently and economically as practicable.

In particular, the Authority will

- Recruit, employ, train, examine and authorise employed pilotage staff to the required standards in compliance with the Pilotage Act 1987, the National Occupational Standards for Marine Pilots (NOSMP), the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) and with due regard to IMO resolution A 960.
- Promote close working relationships between Pilots, VTS Officers, Launch Crews and associated stakeholders.
- Regularly review the requirements of the Pilotage service, including the training needs of pilots and Pilotage Exemption Certificate holders.
- Use a Risk Assessment based approach in compliance with the PMSC to establish operational practices, parameters, and requirements to be followed and for these to be documented in the Operations Manual.
- Ensure pilot launch crews are trained and certificated as per the requirements of the applicable workboat codes.
- Ensure that the pilot launch service is operated with due consideration to recommendations of The Embarkation & Disembarkation of Pilots- Code of Safe Practice.
- Ensure that the pilot launches operated by the Authority are surveyed and certificated in terms of the Merchant Shipping (Small Workboats and Pilot Boats) Regulations 1998 and the updated relevant Codes of Practice therein.

The full co-operation of staff is seen as a vital element in the success of this policy.

The person who has overall responsibility for the implementation of this policy is the Chief Executive.

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