

	Officer's Name	Date	Comments
Harbour Admin Team	Susan Shaw	14 Nov 24	This report is for the Harbour Committee to approve the 2025/26 Operational Moorings Policy. No changes have been made from the 2024/25 version.

**Meeting:** Harbour Committee    **Date:** 2 December 2024

**Wards affected:** All

**Report Title:** Tor Bay Harbour Operational Moorings Policy

**When does the decision need to be implemented?** April 2025

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## 1. Purpose of Report

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- 1.1 The Harbour Committee is required annually to approve the Tor Bay Harbour Authority's Operational Moorings Policy for the forthcoming year, 2025/26.
- 1.2 There are no changes to report from the previous year's policy, 2024/25, approved at the Harbour Committee held on 4 December 2023.

## 2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

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- 2.1 The use of moorings, berths, boat park spaces, tender racks and storage lockers etc is governed by a variety of controlling factors including: local harbour legislation; harbour byelaws and the annual Facility Agreement terms and conditions. These are codified in the Operational Moorings and Facilities Policy, which is subject to annual review.
- 2.2 The policy ensures that a consistent, fair and equitable approach is applied to new, existing and potential facility users. The existing operational policy statement serves as a management tool but does not form part of the strategic policy framework set by Torbay Council, but supports the authority's vision of 'A healthy, happy and prosperous Torbay' and its Mission under the 'Pride in Place' and strategic theme.

## 3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

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- 3.1 That the Operational Moorings Policy, as set out in Appendix 1 to this report, be approved.

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Tor Bay Harbour Authority Operational Moorings Policy 2025/26

### **Background Documents**

Operational Moorings Policy 2024/25 – See link to Tor Bay Harbour Authority website:

<https://www.tor-bay-harbour.co.uk/about/plans-policies/operational-moorings-and-facilities-policy/>

# Supporting Information

## 1. Introduction

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### 1.1

The Harbour Committee is required annually to approve the Tor Bay Harbour Authority's Operational Moorings Policy for the forthcoming year, 2025/26. The policy ensures that a consistent, fair and equitable approach is applied to new, existing and potential facility users.

## 2. Options under consideration

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2.1 The Harbour Committee, on behalf of the Harbour Authority, are to annually review the Operational Moorings Policy. There are no changes in the 2025/26 version.

## 3. Financial Opportunities and Implications

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3.1 With no changes to the Operational Moorings Policy, there are no additional implications to the future budget.

## 4. Legal Implications

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4.1 There are no legal implications that arise from this report.

## 5. Engagement and Consultation

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5.1 The two Harbour Liaison Forums were informed that no changes will be made to the Operational Moorings Policy at meetings held on 21 & 22 November 2024.

## 6. Procurement Implications

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6.1 There are no procurement implications that arise from this report.

## 7. Protecting our naturally inspiring Bay and tackling Climate Change

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7.1 Not applicable

## 8. Associated Risks

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8.1 There is a **moderate** risk to the Harbour and Torbay Council if the policy is not approved, which could impact on reputational, financial and operational aspects of the Harbour.



## 9. Equality Impact Assessment

Protected characteristics under the Equality Act and groups with increased vulnerability	Data and insight	Equality considerations (including any adverse impacts)	Mitigation activities	Responsible department and timeframe for implementing mitigation activities
Age	<p>18 per cent of Torbay residents are under 18 years old.</p> <p>55 per cent of Torbay residents are aged between 18 to 64 years old.</p> <p>27 per cent of Torbay residents are aged 65 and older.</p>	<p>No specific direct benefits from the Harbour Operational Moorings Policy directly, although the Harbour is available to all, enhancing and supporting life standards, experience and opportunities for all.</p>		
Carers	<p>At the time of the 2021 census there were 14,900 unpaid carers in Torbay. 5,185 of these provided 50 hours or more of care.</p>	<p>No specific direct benefits from the Harbour Operational Moorings Policy directly, although the Harbour is available to all, enhancing and supporting life standards, experience and opportunities for all.</p>		
Disability	<p>In the 2021 Census, 23.8% of Torbay residents answered that their day-to-day activities were limited a little or a lot by a physical or mental health condition or illness.</p>	<p>No specific direct benefits from the Harbour Operational Moorings Policy directly, although the Harbour is available to all, enhancing and supporting life standards, experience and opportunities for all.</p>		

Gender reassignment	In the 2021 Census, 0.4% of Torbay's community answered that their gender identity was not the same as their sex registered at birth. This proportion is similar to the Southwest and is lower than England.	No specific direct benefits from the Harbour Operational Moorings Policy directly, although the Harbour is available to all, enhancing and supporting life standards, experience and opportunities for all.		
Marriage and civil partnership	Of those Torbay residents aged 16 and over at the time of 2021 Census, 44.2% of people were married or in a registered civil partnership.	No specific direct benefits from the Harbour Operational Moorings Policy directly, although the Harbour is available to all, enhancing and supporting life standards, experience and opportunities for all.		
Pregnancy and maternity	Over the period 2010 to 2021, the rate of live births (as a proportion of females aged 15 to 44) has been slightly but significantly higher in Torbay (average of 63.7 per 1,000) than England (60.2) and the South West (58.4). There has been a notable fall in the numbers of live births since the middle of the last decade across all geographical areas.	No specific direct benefits from the Harbour Operational Moorings Policy directly, although the Harbour is available to all, enhancing and supporting life standards, experience and opportunities for all.		
Race	In the 2021 Census, 96.1% of Torbay residents described their ethnicity as white. This is a higher proportion than the South West and England. Black, Asian and minority ethnic individuals are more likely to live in areas of Torbay	No specific direct benefits from the Harbour Operational Moorings Policy directly, although the Harbour is available to all, enhancing and supporting life standards, experience and opportunities for all.		

	classified as being amongst the 20% most deprived areas in England.			
Religion and belief	64.8% of Torbay residents who stated that they have a religion in the 2021 census.	No specific direct benefits from the Harbour Operational Moorings Policy directly, although the Harbour is available to all, enhancing and supporting life standards, experience and opportunities for all.		
Sex	51.3% of Torbay's population are female and 48.7% are male	No specific direct benefits from the Harbour Operational Moorings Policy directly, although the Harbour is available to all, enhancing and supporting life standards, experience and opportunities for all.		
Sexual orientation	In the 2021 Census, 3.4% of those in Torbay aged over 16 identified their sexuality as either Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or, used another term to describe their sexual orientation.	No specific direct benefits from the Harbour Operational Moorings Policy directly, although the Harbour is available to all, enhancing and supporting life standards, experience and opportunities for all.		
Armed Forces Community	In 2021, 3.8% of residents in England reported that they had previously served in the UK armed forces. In Torbay, 5.9 per cent of the population have previously served in the UK armed forces.	No specific direct benefits from the Harbour Operational Moorings Policy directly, although the Harbour is available to all, enhancing and supporting life standards, experience and opportunities for all.		
<b>Additional considerations</b>				

Socio-economic impacts (Including impacts on child poverty and deprivation)		No specific direct benefits from the Harbour Operational Moorings Policy directly, although the Harbour is available to all, enhancing and supporting life standards, experience and opportunities for all.		
Public Health impacts (Including impacts on the general health of the population of Torbay)		No specific direct benefits from the Harbour Operational Moorings Policy directly, although the Harbour is available to all, enhancing and supporting life standards, experience and opportunities for all.		
Human Rights impacts		No specific direct benefits from the Harbour Operational Moorings Policy directly, although the Harbour is available to all, enhancing and supporting life standards, experience and opportunities for all.		
Child Friendly	Torbay Council is a Child Friendly Council and all staff and Councillors are Corporate Parents and have a responsibility towards cared for and care experienced children and young people.	No specific direct benefits from the Harbour Operational Moorings Policy directly, although the Harbour is available to all, enhancing and supporting life standards, experience and opportunities for all.		



## 10. Cumulative Council Impact

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10.1 None

## 11. Cumulative Community Impacts

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11.1 None