

To receive a report on a proposed additional ferry service and consider any actions

Report to: Services Committee

Date of Report: 15.07.25

Officer Writing the Report: Town Clerk / RFO

Pursuant to: N/A

Officers Recommendations

The report is for Members information to be noted at this stage.

Report Summary

Saltash Water Taxi has approached Saltash Town Council to outline the services they intend to offer. A Facebook page has been created to gauge public interest; it clearly states that the business is currently hypothetical and not yet operational.

The proposed services include:

- Collection and drop-off for private vessel owners
- Access to various landmarks along the River Tamar
- Scheduled routes to popular destinations
- Use of Plymouth-side slips/pontoons and Saltash Old Town Pier
- Private charters

A preliminary pricing structure has been shared, with fares based on distance and trip duration to cover operational costs and support future fleet expansion:

- **Zone 1 – £5**

Covers trips between the Union Inn and the Ferry House Inn, including nearby moorings. Return travel included.

- **Zone 2 – £8**

Includes all Saltash moorings north and south of the bridge. Drop-offs to Barne Barton and Saltmill may be available depending on tides (updates to be posted online). Return travel included.

- **Zone 3 – £12**

Covers moorings around Cargreen Yacht Club, Wearde Quay, and Torpoint. Return travel included. Shore access is tide-dependent to ensure safe landings.

- **Out of Zone – from £15+**

For longer trips beyond the defined zones. Pricing and return options to be confirmed with the skipper.

Saltash Water Taxi is currently seeking funding to establish operations. Once secured, they plan to commence services shortly thereafter. They are also awaiting guidance and approvals from the Harbour Master and licensing from Plymouth City Council. Engagement with Saltash Town Council is anticipated at the appropriate stage.

Signature of Officer:

Town Clerk / RFO