

To receive a report on maintenance works for the Pontoon and consider any actions and associated expenditure.

Report to: Services Committee

Date of Report: 17/06/25

Officer Writing the Report: Service Delivery Manager

Officers' Recommendations

Members are asked to consider appointing Voyager Marine to carry out repairs to areas of corrosion located beneath the walkway boards of the pontoon. The total cost of the works is £4,980, to be allocated to budget code 6584 SE EMF Pontoon Maintenance Costs. This appointment is subject to the submission and approval of a satisfactory risk assessment, method statement, and insurance certification prior to commencement of works.

The report does not indicate any need for urgent action; therefore, the works would be scheduled for the winter months to minimise disruption to the pontoon.

Members are also asked to note that the Service Delivery Manager approved the appointment of Primrose Marine Ltd to provide specialist advice at a cost of £750 under delegated authority, also allocated to budget code 6584 SE EMF Pontoon Maintenance Costs. This decision was made due to the lack of in-house expertise or qualifications within the Service Delivery team to advise the Town Council on this specific area of marine infrastructure.

It is regrettable that these areas of corrosion were not identified during the recent major refurbishment works.

Report Summary

As part of the ongoing Service Delivery maintenance programme for Town Council assets, the timber decking treads on both the fixed and lower walkway sections of the pontoon were treated. During this process, corrosion was observed on a cross member located beneath the footplate at the pivot point.

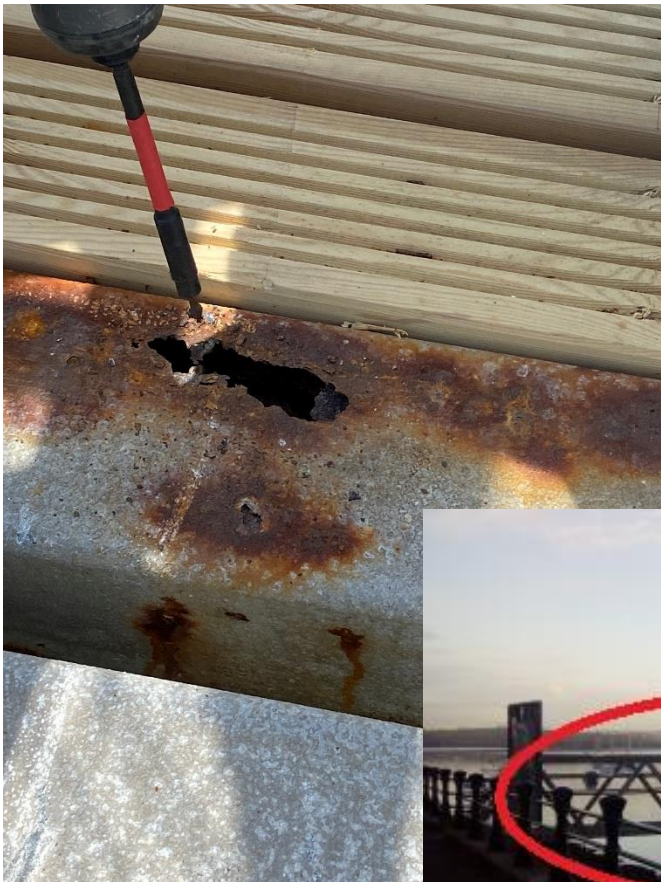
The Service Delivery Manager has assessed the corrosion as a potential safety concern, with the possibility of further structural compromise if left untreated. This could lead to additional damage and increased future costs.

Following this observation, Voyager Marine was invited to inspect the affected area and provide a quotation for the necessary repairs. A full inspection of the remaining sections of the fixed link bridge was also requested.

To support this assessment, Voyager Marine engaged Primrose Marine Ltd, a specialist marine surveyor, to conduct a detailed survey of the walkway areas. Their findings and recommendations are presented in **Appendix A**.

Report Images

Some images of corrosion along the walkway of the pontoon.



How Does This Meet the Business Plan, Strategic Priority 6.

Continue to provide pontoon facilities allowing access to the river and support better connectivity to neighbouring areas.

The pontoon facilitates marine access for residents, visitors, and businesses—promoting tourism, leisure, and sustainable transport along the River Tamar. Keeping it in good condition ensures safety, encourages local commerce (such as boating and waterfront activity), and upholds the town's infrastructure standards. Regular maintenance also reflects the Town Council's commitment to environmental stewardship by preventing structural decay that could lead to pollution or ecological harm, supporting goals around sustainable and resilient infrastructure.

Quote

Refer to **Appendix B** to review all costings - including the cost to appoint Primrose Marine.

Financial Regulations/ Procurement Threshold

The repairs required are specialist engineering works, which significantly limit the number of local contractors with the necessary expertise and capability to undertake them. The Town Council has recently placed its trust in Voyager Marine, with the endorsement of its insurers. The previous works carried out by Voyager Marine were completed to a satisfactory standard and within the agreed timeframe. However, if Members wish to pursue further research to obtain two additional quotes, this is something we can certainly explore.

It is worth noting that, had these areas of corrosion been identified during the recent major refurbishment, the necessary repairs would have been incorporated into that programme of works delivered by Voyager Marine.

Budgets

Budget Code: 6584 SE EMF Pontoon Maintenance Costs

Budget Availability: £9,052

Committed Spend: £0.00

Signature of Officer:

Service Delivery Manager