

# Wisbech Port Marine Safety Code – Safety Policy

## ORGANISATIONAL GOALS AND POLICY 2021-2024

Every harbour authority is accountable for managing marine operations within its jurisdiction safely and efficiently. The aim of the Port Marine Safety Code is that all ports in the United Kingdom should apply nationally agreed standards for the safety of marine operations. These national standards are represented by the Code itself and its accompanying A Guide to Good Practice on Marine Operations.

This aim should be achieved through the implementation of a safety management system based on a formal risk assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to ensure that all risks within the marine operation are identified and reduced to a level that is tolerable and as low as reasonably practicable.

The Port of Wisbech Harbour Authority is fully committed to providing a safe environment for any person within our harbour limits. A Marine Safety Management System (MSMS) has been formulated in such a way as to embrace all the concepts and standards of the Port Marine Safety Code. The system has been implemented following a formal risk assessment with the findings of that assessment informing the system which will be reviewed on a regular basis or as external factors and changes in marine operations dictate.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Fenland District Council is dedicated to the continued development of a modern and highly efficient port facility that seeks to provide value to all its stakeholders. In fulfilling this aim the Council is committed to the maintenance of the appropriate levels of safety and environmental protection in all areas of its operation. It is the belief of the Council that this commitment is best achieved through the implementation of the Port of Wisbech Harbour Authority Marine Safety Management System.

The Council is committed to:

- the continued development of a culture of safety within all spheres of operation of the Port of Wisbech through formal risk assessment
- complying with and keeping under review existing powers and duties
- the provision of adequate resources to enable the effective operation of the system's safety plan, policies, and procedures
- the provision of adequate resources to allow Marine Services to manage commercial operations and to carry out their duties effectively and safely
- the provision of competent people responsible for safety of navigation and high-quality training programs
- the promotion of safety as one of the important responsibilities of all employees

Fenland District Council is the Harbour Authority for the Port of Wisbech Harbour Authority area of jurisdiction and has delegated its powers to the Corporate Management Team (CMT) to nominate a suitable Duty Holder as per the code. There are currently two members of CMT to fulfil the role of 'Duty Holder' to undertake this responsibility, as defined in the Port Marine Safety Code. These two members of CMT are currently Carol Pilson Corporate Director & Peter Catchpole Corporate Director & Chief finance officer.

The Duty Holder(s) are supported in this role by the Port Management Group. The Group consists of:

- The Harbour Master and Head of Marine Service.
  - The Senior Engineer from Assets and Projects.
  - The Council's Health & Safety Emergency Planning Manager
  - Acting Assistant Director
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- Along with the Deputy Harbour Master(s) who will provide the necessary marine related advice and support as and when required
  - Along with support from Head of Legal and Governance for Fenland District Council, as and when required.

The role of the 'Designated Person' (DP), under the PMSC is carried out by an independent marine auditor (Strategic Marine Services Ltd), with the MSMS audited and the Marine Risk Assessment reviewed every year in line with the recommendations of the PMSC. The DP reports directly to the Duty Holder(s).

Signed:



Paul Medd, Chief Executive,

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