



Southwold Harbour Lands Joint Committee

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Southwold Harbour Lands Joint Committee is a formal Joint Committee of Southwold Town Council and Waveney District Council. The Joint Committee has delegated decision-making powers from both Councils and executive decision-making powers from Waveney District Council. The Joint Committee will operate as the 'Strategic Board' for the Harbour Lands, providing a strategic steer ensuring compliance with legislation and holding to account the 'management' for the operation and delivery of the lands, within budgets set aside by both Councils.
2. Both Councils acknowledge that there are various complex historical and current issues that prevent any simple transfer or devolution of Southwold Harbour and its associated lands to any existing or other body. The Councils will however work through the Joint Working Group to overcome these collective challenges and to jointly seek to enable:
 - (i) In the short term, more local involvement and engagement in the management and delivery of Southwold Harbour and all other activities on the wider Southwold Harbour lands and
 - (ii) In the medium term, implementation of a revised local model for the delivery of Southwold Harbour and its associated lands that addresses the future ownership, and long term sustainability, responsibility, liability and delivery.
3. The Joint Committee will adopt the legal procedures required by executive committees of Waveney District Council for the arrangement of meetings and decision-making.
4. The quorum for the Joint Committee will be a minimum of three Councillors and the Committee will only be quorate when at least one of the Councillors appointed from each of the Councils is present.