The safety of navigation is dependent upon the provision of relevant, up to date hydrographic information, delivered in a form most appropriate to each sector of the wide spectrum of Harbour and Port users.

To this end it is Board policy that PHC shall:

- Undertake such hydrographic surveys as are necessary for safe and efficient navigation within Harbour limits;

- Carry out a managed programme of hydrographic surveys of the seabed of the Poole Harbour from the landward limit to the seaward limit and bounded by the Mean High Water line;

- Set and maintain programmes, standards and specifications for PHC hydrographic services, including the competency, training and continued professional development of appropriate personnel;

- Provide Harbour and Port users with up-to-date, timely and accurate hydrographic information, and where appropriate on a commercial basis;

- Provide continuous, timely and accurate tidal data;

- Maintain hydrographic and tidal information;

- Maintain a close liaison with, and provide relevant data to, the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office;

- Represent the PHC’s hydrographic interests nationally and internationally.

Nothing in this Policy shall subvert existing Harbour Byelaws, General Directions, regulations or terms and conditions.