Poole Harbour Commissioners (PHC) is the moorings licencing authority for Poole Harbour. To this end, it is Board policy that PHC shall:

- Manage Poole Harbour moorings in accordance with Articles 9, 10 and 11 of the Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries Poole Harbour Revision Order 2012.
- Continue to licence all the moorings in the Harbour, negotiating with Crown Estates as required.
- Demand stricter requirements by way of evidence of appropriate insurance and adequate maintenance from all private mooring holders.
- Require a statement from all yacht clubs, mooring contractors and trusts to the effect that they have adequate insurance and undertake appropriate maintenance.
- Phase out deep water private swinging moorings by natural wastage, offering the tenancy of a contractor’s mooring subject to availability.
- Reduce shallow water private swinging moorings by natural wastage, but continue to allocate a limited number of new mooring holders at the Harbour Master’s discretion to fill some of the vacancies created by default or through relinquishment by the owner.
- Phase out moorings in environmentally sensitive areas.
- Limit moorings in recreationally busy areas and reduce in number or re-locate where appropriate.
- Take increased share for block moorings.
- Encourage shore side pontoon berths in appropriate locations.
- Continue to take a firm stance on unauthorised and unmarked moorings in the harbour.
- Move private moorings by mutual agreement into ‘private blocks’ for ease of monitoring and inspection.
- Not allow any further private moorings in the quiet areas of the harbour.
- Levy a differential charge for unoccupied moorings.

- Assume first option to buy a block mooring business from the owner on a commercial basis when he wishes to sell.

- Seek to make more effective use of appropriate deep water areas for deep water moorings.

- Monitor and review the Moorings Policy and numbers on an annual basis with a view to enhancing recreational boating opportunities having due regard to safety, the environment, availability and demand.

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