



## Community Benefit Policy

The Cattewater is a Trust Port and operates within Governance Guidance issued from time to time by the Department of Transport. The Commissioners are required to operate in a commercial manner and any surpluses are to be reinvested in the port or can be used to provide benefits to its various stakeholders. The Commissioners will set aside a sum in its annual budget to support projects designed to provide community benefit.

The Commissioners will consider requests for funding in the following categories:

- a. Welfare support to seafarers
- b. Support for training in water sports particularly when focused on young people or disadvantaged groups in society.
- c. Support for projects designed to enhance or increase the safe use of the Cattewater and Plymouth Sound.
- d. Support for projects to preserve or improve the marine environment and that of the area surrounding the Cattewater.

Requests for funding outside those categories may also be considered but sponsors will need to demonstrate how they will benefit the users of the Cattewater and the surrounding area.

Requests for funding should be addressed to the Harbourmaster and will be considered by the Commissioners at their monthly meeting. Requests should explain the project, how it meets the criteria above and who will benefit. Where the sums requested are more than £1,000 the Commissioners would expect the bid to explain how monies would be managed, governance safeguards etc.