

FOWEY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

GUIDE TO THE DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

The duties of a Board Member are considered to be on a par with those of a director of a company, in addition to which there are obligations, responsibilities and statutory duties peculiar to the trust.

In particular they will act as completely independent trustees for the benefit of all stakeholders in the trust including all port users and the local community and will abide by the principles of good corporate governance set out in the national standards of accountability for trust boards.

The trust's primary duty (and therefore that of a Board Member) shall be to take such steps as they consider necessary or expedient for the improvement, maintenance and management of the port/ conservancy and the accommodation and facilities afforded or in connection with the port/ conservancy with a recognition of the port's role in the region.

A Board Member is expected to act with independent judgement, to use their skills and experience for the benefit of the board, to be committed to working in the best interests of the port conservancy, to devote the necessary time to carry out the function of board Member and to undertake such training as specified by the Board and the Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions from time to time.

A Board Member will be familiar with the area served by the port.

A Board Member should have wide experience in one or more of the following areas

(to be determined by the Board but, typically, to include)

management of harbours

shipping or other transport modes

appropriate commercial/ industrial experience

financial expertise

administration

organisation of workers

environmental issues - specifically those affecting the port/ conservancy