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### Background Information

Fowey Harbour Commissioners are the statutory Trust Port body set up initially in 1869 to promote and regulate trade in the Port of Fowey. Trust Ports are established by Acts of Parliament but are controlled, not by shareholders, but by a specially constituted body, often known as Commissioners.

The present local act is the Fowey Harbour Order Act 1937 (confirmed 1960). Harbour Revision Orders of 1980 and 2001 gave additional powers. The latter one reconstituted the Board and its structure.

The primary duty of the Commissioners is to take such steps as they consider necessary or expedient for the improvement, maintenance and management of Fowey Harbour and the facilities afforded or in connection with the Fowey Harbour with a recognition of the port's role in the region.

These duties are carried out in consultation with many other statutory bodies, stakeholders and interested parties including the Fowey Harbour Port User Group.

The Fowey Estuary covers an area of nearly 1000 acres and the Harbour Commissioners have owned and managed the majority of the fundus and foreshore in the estuary since 1933.

### Environmental Focus

The Fowey Estuary is one of the most beautiful and unspoilt estuaries in Cornwall with a rich and varied wildlife, landscape and historic heritage. Natural assets, which have developed over many thousands of years, today exist alongside an extensive range of leisure and commercial activities.

It has always been a primary policy for Fowey Harbour Commissioners to ensure that environmental considerations figure highly in port operational planning and management.

The Fowey Estuary is a special place and we hope that all people using it for pleasure or work will help to make sure its natural beauty remains unspoilt.

The Harbour Commissioners are committed to achieving high standards of environmental performance and management through their Environmental Policy; a framework of setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets relating to conservation and regulation of the Port and Harbour and complying with relevant UK, European and International legislation.

The Fowey Harbour Commissioners remain the lead body of the Fowey Estuary Partnership which was set up in 1997 to meet the need for holistic management of the estuary, balancing the needs of tourism, commerce and leisure interests. The management of the estuary is embodied in the Fowey Estuary Management Plan, developed through extensive consultation and community involvement. The Fowey Estuary Management Plan is a non-statutory document. There are no legal powers to ensure that all the guidance in the plan is implemented or adhered to. However, a number of the guidelines relate to the statutory duties of organisations involved in the plan's development. The Plan acts as a mechanism for informing and co-ordinating these duties to ensure that a holistic approach is taken to the management of the estuary.

These and other relevant documents can be found on the Fowey Harbour Commissioner's website and any specific enquiries should be made to:

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