



**EYEMOUTH  
HARBOUR TRUST**  
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## EYEMOUTH HARBOUR MASTERPLAN

The long-term future of Eyemouth has taken a positive step forward with the appointment of specialists Fisher Advisory Ltd to create a masterplan for the town's Harbour.

The Masterplan will offer a physical blueprint for development of the Harbour over the next 5 / 10 / 20 years. This will help the Trustees to position the Harbour in line for future opportunities wherever these may lie and ensure that it continues to be a key socio-economic enabler.

EHT Chair, Euan Scott, said "After a competitive tender process the appointment of Fisher Advisory represents a significant milestone in our future planning for the Harbour Estate and how it can best serve our stakeholders and the community for generations to come. The maritime sector is evolving at pace, and it is key to our collective future that we ensure Eyemouth Harbour is best placed to continue to play an important part of this evolution and make best use of Eyemouth Harbour's favourable natural capital and strategic location on the UK coast. I would also like to place on record on behalf of the Trust my thanks for the continued support of SBC and SOSE, without them the opportunity of this process would not have been possible."

According to Chris Fisher, Director of Fisher Advisory "The masterplan will be developed in close collaboration with key stakeholders over the next six months, including a public consultation exercise, and we are delighted to have this opportunity to apply our experience gained with various other harbours in Scotland."

The master planning project, notionally named 'South-East Scotland Gateway' has received £95,000 from UK Government through UK Shared Prosperity Fund to deliver.

Councillor Scott Hamilton, SBC's Executive Member for Community and Business Development, said:

"This important appointment by Eyemouth Harbour Trust is an extremely positive development which demonstrates their ambition to grow and properly capitalise on future opportunities.

"The development of this long-term vision will undoubtedly help the Harbour play a central role in supporting the local economy for years to come, helping to create jobs and support existing businesses within the area."

South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE) is also supporting the project in kind with support from a number of its teams.

Russel Griggs OBE, Chair of SOSE, said:

“Eyemouth has a bright future, with a huge number of exciting opportunities ahead and a potentially valuable role to play in Scotland's renewable energy transition.

“These include harnessing supply chain jobs associated with the offshore wind sector, which is already bringing investment and long-term, sustainable jobs to Eyemouth and the potential for many more, driven by the needs of offshore wind developments up and down the UK coast.

“The new Eyemouth Harbour Masterplan will aim to identify all opportunities in the short, medium, and long term, which will benefit not just those involved in the Harbour, but also local communities and businesses and existing sectors such as fisheries, seafood processing and tourism.

“Working with partners, we look forward to supporting Eyemouth Harbour Trust on this hugely important Masterplan.”



**## Ends ##**

**Notes:**

- Eyemouth Harbour is a trust port, managed by a board of trustees. The purpose of the Trust is to maintain, preserve and improve Eyemouth Harbour for the benefit of stakeholders and the local community; whilst creating an important socio-economic legacy for the East Berwickshire area.
- As a trust port, EHT operates on broadly commercial lines, competing with private and local authority ports as well as other trust ports, we are essentially a not-for-profit organisation, meaning that all revenue is ploughed back into our facilities and services.
- The Trust currently employs six full time members of staff and four part time members of staff.
- The Trust was set up in 1797 by an Act of Parliament and is today governed by The Eyemouth Harbour Order 1882. The Eyemouth Harbour Revision Order 2021 reconstituted the Trust in its present form and details how it is to be governed.
- For further information on Eyemouth Harbour Trust, please visit our website [www.eyemouth-harbour.co.uk](http://www.eyemouth-harbour.co.uk)

- The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a central pillar of the UK Government's Levelling Up agenda and provides £2.6 billion of funding for local investment by March 2025. The Fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances across the UK investing in communities and place, supporting local businesses, and people and skills. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>

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