

Decision to have a dedicated provider of tug services for the inner-docks of ABP's port of <u>Grimsby.</u>

<u>Decision</u> ABP has considered the feedback it has received from interested parties in relation to its proposal to limit the number of tug providers operating within Grimsby's inner-docks, and to provide one dedicated provider of tug services priority use of a berth.

ABP has concluded that the provision of a dedicated provider of tug services will provide operational and safety benefits for users of the Port. The nature of both the infrastructure and the level of customer activity within Grimsby's inner-docks means that it not possible for ABP to offer one provider of tug services priority use of a dedicated berth, and at the same time be able to guarantee other ad-hoc providers access to common user berths within the inner-docks.

As such, ABP has decided to proceed with its decision to have one dedicated provider of tug services.

<u>Process</u> ABP will shortly publish and circulate information regarding the selection procedure which will be followed when selecting the dedicated provider of tug services, which shall include a draft of the proposed priority berthing contract.

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