

# NORTH EASTERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## AUTHORITY MEETING

17 AUGUST 2020

**Present:**

Councillor Ron Allcock  
 Dr Stephen Axford  
 Councillor Edward Bell  
 Mr Graham Collins  
 Prof Mike Elliott  
 Councillor Ernest Gibson  
 Miss Rebecca Lynam  
 Councillor Stephen Harness  
 Councillor Chris Matthews (Chair)  
 Mrs Donna Marie Mear  
 Mr Tom Pagett  
 Councillor Tony Randerson  
 Mr Gary Redshaw  
 Mr Jon Whitton

**Representing:**

North Lincolnshire Council  
 MMO appointee  
 Durham County Council  
 MMO appointee  
 MMO appointee  
 South Tyneside Borough Council  
 MMO appointee  
 North East Lincolnshire Council  
 East Riding of Yorkshire Council  
 MMO appointee  
 EA Representative  
 North Yorkshire County Council  
 MMO appointee  
 MMO appointee

Chief Officer Mr David McCandless and Treasurer Stephen Chandler also attended the meeting.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the meeting was held via video teleconference. The meeting started at 10:00.

<b>19.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
	Apologies for absence were received from the Clerk, Caroline Lacey, and MMO members Carter and Houghton.
<b>20.</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS</b>
	<b>Resolved</b> – The Chair asked Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests with respect to items on the Agenda and the nature of such interests. No such interests were declared.
<b>21.</b>	<b>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC</b>
	That the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the following item (Minutes 22) on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information defined in Paragraphs 8 and 9 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.
	<b>Resolved</b> – that the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the following item (minutes 22).

22.	<b>NEIFCA VESSEL REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE – PROCUREMENT OF A NEW 9.5M CABIN RIGID INFLATABLE BOAT (RIB)</b>
	<p>The Chief Officer presented a report to update members on progress with the Authority’s vessel replacement programme, to seek authorisation to award a contract for the build and commission of a new 9.5m Cabin Rigid Inflatable Boat (RIB) based on the associated evaluation of tenders following the completion of a formal procurement process, and to seek authorisation to sell the Authority’s 4.7m RIB.</p> <p>A full background on progress to date was included in the report for members’ information, which included an update on the replacement of the Authority’s main patrol vessel, North Eastern Guardian III. Members were informed that outside Local Authority financing support, officers had invested significant time in highlighting the project across the private sector and seeking additional financial backing. Alongside that the Clerk and Chief Officer have written jointly to the Fisheries Minister requesting a meeting to discuss financing the project. The Chief Officer has also written to the 23 Members of Parliament representing constituencies across the member Local Authority areas seeking support for the project and requesting that they also lobby the Fisheries Minister on behalf of NEIFCA. Copies of some very positive and supportive responses had since been received back.</p> <p>The Chief Officer provided a summary of the tender process in relation to the procurement of a 9.5m Cabin RIB, an Invitation to Economic Operators (ITEO) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) on 5 June 2020 with a deadline for receipt of tenders of 7 July 2020, out of 20 expressions of interest 3 tenders were received all from UK manufacturers. A technical assessment panel, Chaired by the Chief Officer, was convened on 14 July 2020 to assess and score the three tenders received. The outcome of the assessment panel was summarised in the report, of the 3 tenders received, Northern Power Marine Ltd ranked the highest. Members were informed that this component of vessel replacement programme would be wholly funded from the Authority’s reserves with no requirement for additional funding support from the member Local Authorities, it was therefore recommended that members authorise the Clerk to give formal notification of the outcome of the procurement process for the build and commission of a new 9.5m Cabin RIB and subject to receipt and consideration of any appeals, award the contract to Northern Marine Power Ltd. It was indicated within the tender that the 9.5m RIB would be completed by Feb 2021. Members questioned the berthing of the new RIB and were reassured that any additional berthing costs would be covered by the current operational budget.</p> <p>The Chief Officer also requested authorisation to sell the current 4.7m RIB, which was purchased on the 26 July 2013. It was anticipated that the 4.7m RIB would be marketed at a price of £15K and the proceeds could be utilised to supplement the build costs associated with the new 9.5m Cabin RIB.</p>
	<p><b>Resolved</b> – (a) That in accordance with the decisions taken by the Authority on 10 September 2015 (minute item 6 refers) and the Executive Committee on 16 April 2020 (minute item 9 refers) members authorise the Clerk to give formal notification of the outcome of the procurement process for the build and commission of a new 9.5m Cabin RIB and subject to receipt and consideration of any appeals, award the contract to Northern Marine Power Ltd.</p> <p>(b) That members authorise the Chief Officer to sell the Authority’s 4.7m RIB.</p>
23.	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>
	Nothing to report.
	The meeting closed at 10:40am