

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 13(4))

EXECUTIVE DECISION BY OFFICER

Issue Date: 13 February 2013

Ref No: OD0003	Date of Decision: 8 February 2013	Decision Maker (Officer): Corporate Director (Public Experience – June Clare
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SUBJECT OF DECISION: To procure a Jet Ski, Quad Bike and Replacement Boat Engine

Decision:

To procure a jet ski, a Quad Bike and a replacement Boat engine for Sea-front/Beach Patrol Service'

Reason for Decision:

Equipment required to carry out Beach Patrols efficiently.

Alternative Options Considered (and rejected – together with reasons):

This service has been provided using boats. By use of a jet ski a quicker response time will be achieved.

Any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Officer which relates to the decision:

If so, note of dispensation granted by the Chief Executive

No conflict of interest.

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Decision Maker (Officer):	JUNE CLARE, CORPORATE DIRECTOR
Is it a Key Decision?	NO
Decision Made:	TO PROVIDE A JET SKI, A QUAD BIKE AND A REPLACEMENT BOAT ENGINE FOR SEA-FRONT / BEACH PATROL SERVICE
Reason for Decision:	EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT BEACH PATROL EFFICIENTLY
Alternative Options Considered (and rejected - together with reasons):	THIS SERVICE HAS BEEN PROVIDED USING BOATS, BY USE OF A JET SKI A QUICKER RESPONSE TIME WILL BE ACHIEVED
Any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision: If so, note of dispensation granted by the Chief Executive:	NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST
Date of Decision:	8 FEBRUARY 2013

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5 February 2013

Our Ref: vrp/2/13
Please ask for: Trevor Mills

Dear Councillor Turner,

ROLLING REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME FOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

With reference to the above programme I write to advise you of the action I propose to take in respect of the purchase of the following items of equipment to be used on the Tendring District Seafronts. I understand that you have previously discussed this matter with the Streets and Seafronts Manager. The rolling replacement programme outlines in detail the Councils projected vehicle and plant requirements on a 5year basis and the budget for this is agreed annually.

In the original agreed capital vehicle and equipment replacement programme for 2012-13 includes the following items of equipment:-

- One 2m Rib based at Frinton which is not being replaced at this time due to its condition
- Two 3m Ribs one based at Walton and one at Clacton which is not being replaced at this time due to its condition
- One 4m Rib based at Walton

These items have an estimated cost of £17,300 and have been replaced on an historical basis.

At the request of the Streets and Sea Fronts Manager it is proposed to replace the 4m Rib with the following,

- One, Jet Ski,
- One, Quad Bike
- And one boat engine to act as a back up engine should any of the retained engines used on the above retained Ribs become faulty, this will help keep the service running at all times)

These items have an estimated total cost of £13,500 and have a projected working life of 5 years and the cost will be depreciated over this period.

There will be a projected saving of £3,800 on the 2012-13 budget purchasing the Jet Ski and Quad Bike and the engine option, this saving will be returned to the Transport budget.

The Streets and Sea Fronts Manager has supplied the following information in support of the use of a Jet Ski and Quad Bike combination at the Walton Beach Patrol Office as opposed to replacing the traditional small rib.

- Walton Beach Patrol Staff also cover any issue when possible on the water in the Dovercourt Bay Area a distance of 5.5 miles from the beach patrol boat house.
- This will take the current beach patrol RIB from Walton to Dovercourt 18 minutes at a top speed of 20 knots the same distance on a jet ski at a reduced speed of 40 knots will take 9 minutes to arrive in the area.
- The extra speed ensures quicker on scene to tackle and byelaw issues. / rescues.
- Jet Ski's can match the speed of most other water craft – a recurring problem area and source of complaints.
- Quicker launching due to less depth of water required.
- Walton beach patrol boat at the moment on a half tide needs to be pushed at least 30mtr before it has enough water to launch, a jet ski can be launched within 10mtrs of the tide line.
- The Jet Ski will have a rescue board fitted and will result in a quicker recovery on someone form the water and can be done with one crew member.
- With a jet ski we can give a quicker response to assisting other beach patrol station with causality care, Clacton Beach patrol were required to give Frinton Beach patrol assistance with a young girl with possible spinal injury , the jet was launched and was on the scene in 9 minutes – a proven situation.
- All staff with be trained by an RYA instructor at station, the course will take one day. Power boat courses for RIBS are two day courses and cannot be done on station and cost more.
- Jet skis can be serviced on station and don't need to be sent to a boat yard like the beach patrol, this will reduce maintenance costs.
- Jet Ski's can operate in rougher sea conditions.
- Jet Ski's are supported and recommended by the Marine Police Unit in Essex for many of the reasons stated above

I therefore, seek your concurrence with the foregoing, and would be pleased if you could sign and return the attached pro-forma to me in the stamped addressed envelope provided.

Yours Sincerely



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Corporate Director

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**TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL
AMENDMENT TO ROLLING REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME AND OPERATION**

I refer to your letter dated 5 February 2103 concerning the action you propose to take, under the powers delegated to you in respect of the amendment to the Rolling Replacement Programme and operation of the sea front service as detailed above.

***I CONCUR/DO NOT CONCUR WITH THE ACTION YOU PROPOSE**

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (IF APPLICABLE)

SIGNED *NW Turner*

COUNCILLOR N TURNER

ENVIRONMENT AND COAST PROTECTION PORTFOLIO HOLDER

DATE *6th Feb 2013*

Confirm discussed at Informal Cabinet/PLT Yes/No

Counter Signature of Leader/Deputy Leader:

..... *P Halliday*

Date:

..... *8 Feb 13*

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