

By: Assistant Chief IFCO

To: Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority –
25 May 2023

Subject: **Approval of the Annual Plan 2023-2024**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary:

Members are required to make and approve the Annual Plan for each year in order to prioritise work streams and provide a framework for the utilisation of resources by officers. The draft plan was presented to the previous meeting for comment and approval is now sought.

Recommendation:

Members are asked to **APPROVE** the Annual Plan for 2023-2024

Background:

Following Members' consideration of a draft Annual Plan at the meeting held on 26 January 2023 and incorporation of Members' comments from that meeting, the Annual Plan for 2023-2024 was submitted to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State was informed that the plan was subject to final approval at this meeting.

Due to the timings of the KEIFCA levy and the local Authorities' budget planning, the draft Annual Plan for 2023-2024 could not be officially signed off at the last meeting. As the Authority did not instruct any significant changes to the plan, and the levy was passed by the local authorities, the Authority is asked to approve the plan that was submitted. In an effort not to duplicate a large amount of printing the plan is available on line or on request from the Ramsgate office, 01843 585310 or info@kentandessex-ifca.gov.uk, and a few copies of the plan will be brought to the meeting.

Financial Implications:

The Annual Plan is the document which sets out how the levy from constituent authorities and funding from Defra will be utilised across the Authority's breadth of responsibilities. The Plan incorporates the draft budget as presented to the previous meeting and is subject to final levies being agreed by constituent councils.

Legal Implications:

The Annual Plan incorporates the Risk Management Strategy for the organisation which identifies potential threats to the Authority's operations.

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