



Agenda item B11

Success Criteria 2,3,5 and 6

By: Assistant Chief IFC Officer

To: Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority – 19 May 2015

Subject: **SALE OF FPV KEN GREEN AND BUILD OF NEW VESSEL**

Classification Unrestricted

Summary: To consider the work carried out to replace FPV Ken Green

Sale of the Ken Green

The Ken Green has been on the market since January 2015 with Century Marine Services, Hythe, Kent acting as a broker. Century Marine Services were chosen as a broker previously due to their competitive commission rate and position as a local business. Since January only one potential buyer has been to view the Ken Green and there have been no serious enquiries.

As the delivery date for the new vessel draws nearer, consideration has been given by officers to the budgetary and staff resource implications if it arrives before the Ken Green has been sold and as a result in April 2015, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were consulted by officers regarding using an alternative broker – Lochin Marine Services.

Lochin have in recent months brokered the sale of large patrol vessels belonging to Southern IFCA and Devon and Severn IFCA. With the agreement of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, officers are currently in discussion with Lochin for them to take on the sale of the Ken Green. Lochin are aware of time constraints and the general situation and are developing an advertising strategy to fit with this.

Build of new vessel

At the January 2015 Authority meeting, members were asked to recommend a name for the new patrol vessel. Votes were sent in by email and the name 'Iceni' was chosen by a majority of members, unfortunately this name is already registered and the second name of 'Protector' is already in use as a vessel name with another IFCA.

When Tamesis was being built, members chose the name 'Nerissa' (meaning 'daughter of the sea') as a preferred choice, however the vessel was to be registered in Ramsgate and another vessel registered to Ramsgate already had that name. If members would like to adopt this name for the new patrol vessel then there are two options; firstly the vessel could be registered in another port, (with Colchester being the next closest port to a KEIFCA office); or secondly, the vessel could be called 'FPV Nerissa' (with 'FPV' standing for Fisheries Patrol Vessel) and be registered in any port of the Authority's choosing.

The build of the new vessel is well underway and delivery is expected in approximately mid-August, this is slightly behind the date advised to the Authority originally and is a result of the initial delay in receiving Lloyds approval for the hull design.

The innovative hydraulic RIB launching ramp is in the final stages of design with Hardy Engineering based at Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex and a new-to-market environmentally-friendly antifouling system which is guaranteed for five years and will reduce the down-time of the vessel for re-application as well as improving fuel economy is being applied to the vessel. The electronics package for the vessel has been finalised in discussions with Mantsbrite based at Maldon, Essex and is currently being installed along with the exhaust systems and engine bay fit out.



Recommendations

Members are asked to **CONSIDER** and **APPROVE** the actions taken and **APPROVE** the name of 'Nerissa' for the vessel.