



Agenda Item B2

From: Bev Gibbs, **Financial Advisor, KEIFCA**

To: Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority – 30th January 2019.

Subject: Draft Budget Report 2019-20

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Summary: This report gives the draft budget for the Authority for 2019-20. The appendices include the draft Revenue Budget, Table of Levies and the Reserves Position for 2019-20.

Recommendation(s):

1. The Authority is asked to review and agree the budget of £889,600 for the year 2018-19.
2. The Authority is asked to agree the levies shown in Table 1 to the constituent authorities.

1. Draft Outline Budget 2019-20

1. The Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (KEIFCA) currently levy on the constituent authorities the sum of £889,600 which is divided between Kent and Essex authorities on the basis contained in the statutory instrument which came into force on 1st October 2010 (SI 2010 no. 2190).
2. A 2% pay increase has been allowed for in this budget together with the allowance for career progression and the new pay structure agreed at the November 2018 IFCA meeting. The cost of this is approximately £69,710. This is currently being funded from the General Reserve.
3. The levy has been kept at the same level as 2018-19 at £889,600. The budget for 2019-20 has been allocated in line with the IFCA's operating plan and all

heads of expenditure examined to ensure cost effectiveness and value for money.

4. The budget has been drafted in order to achieve the strategy and annual plan of the IFCA. The detailed revenue budget is set out at Appendix 1.

2. Reserves and Capital Plan

1. The budget for 2019-20 includes the use of reserves of £107,424; to support research, £5,000, training, £23,550 and geographical information systems (GIS), £850 and a further £78,024 to support the new staff structure and other minor increases in expenditure.
2. A further £30,000 will be needed from Reserves to support Nerissa. £30,000 is an amount included for any first year major repairs and adjustments and is line with the amount budgeted for Tamesis in her first year of operation. However, as this was not required for 2018-19 it and there are still works that need to be completed, this has been included for 2019-20. The General Reserve is budgeted to be £528,699 at the end of 2018-19.

The capital spend budgeted for in 2019-20 is £138,000. This includes £135,000 for the new rib, offset by £15,000 sale proceeds for Blue Jacket and £18,000 for replacement quad bikes and replacement of IT equipment with £8,000 given in part exchange for the old quad bikes. The balance on the Renewals Reserve at the start of 2019-20 is anticipated to be £816,277. The Renewals Reserve balance at the end of 2019-20 is anticipated to be £726,210. This is net of a renewals contribution of £80,000 as budgeted for in the Revenue budget.

3. The Reserves are set out in Appendix 3.

3. The Levy

1. Whilst constituent authorities pay the full levy to KEIFCA this is offset by Specific Grant for Inshore Fisheries payable to authorities and the net sum that authorities suffer is shown on lines 19 to 21 of Appendix 2. Members should be aware that the Minister has confirmed that the Specific Grant is to continue at the same level until 2020
2. The levy, based on the above, for each Authority is shown below and in full at Appendix 2.

TABLE 1

Local Authority	Proposed Levy 2017-18 £
Kent	383,600
Medway	67,200
Essex	383,600
Thurrock	33,700
Southend-on-Sea	21,500
Total	889,600

4. Recommendation

1. That the budget of £889,600 and the levies shown on the constituent authorities in Table 1 are agreed.

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