

## PFCC Decision Report

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<p><b>Report reference number:</b> 140-19</p>
<p><b>Classification Official Sensitive</b></p>
<p><b>Title of report:</b> OPC Specialist Operations Marine Unit Rigid Hulled Inflatable Boat refit</p>
<p><b>Area of county / stakeholders affected:</b> OPC Specialist Operations</p>
<p><b>Report by :</b> Insp Dickel/CI Egan</p> <p><b>Date of report:</b> 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019</p> <p><b>Enquiries to:</b> CI Cornish /Supt Ditchburn/Transport services</p>

### 1. Purpose of the report

This report outlines the case to fully refit the current Essex Police Marine Unit Rigid Hulled Inflatable Boat (RHIB).

### 2. Recommendations

That the proposal is supported .The RHIB has a lifespan of 12 years and was purchased in 2005 and has now been in constant service for 14 years .This issue features on the OPC risk register URN 1799

### 3. Benefits of the proposal

The RHIB is used for regular patrols of the coastline and is Essex Police's only fast boat capability. It provides key engagement and visibility within the marine and some of the rural community and gives focus on reducing Anti-social behaviour, thefts and dangerous marine driving. The RHIB enables Essex Police to cover more of the coast, maximising the time on the water. Due to the age of the vessel the maintenance hours are increasing and the Essex Police marine technician has seen a rise in the maintenance requirement over the last 24 months. He has estimated that the RHIB could be subject to an uneconomical failure over the next year (Currently in excess of £400,000). This refurbishment option will extend the life of the RHIB for a further ten

years. Every five years the recommendation is that these RHIBS are stripped and rebuilt so as to check the structural integrity of the hull and inflatable collar at a cost of approximately £70 - 90K) so this refit is overdue.

The marine codes require annual pressure testing of inflatable parts of the boat, as well as a five year full survey which is due in February 2020 .This is a critical survey of the vessel , which includes looking in depth at the structural integrity of the vessel's fibreglass hull, inflatable collar, and mechanical/electrical equipment.

#### **4. Background and proposal**

As above and detailed on the attached detailed investment Stage 2 bid,

#### **5. Alternative options considered and rejected**

The other options are purchasing a new vessel, estimated at £400,000, or not replacing the RHIB and reducing the marine fleet to the Alert, which is the other vessel, and not a fast boat capability

#### **6. Police and Crime Plan**

More local, visible and accessible Policing

Crack down on anti-social behaviour on the water

Tackling gangs and organised crime

Protecting children and vulnerable people

Ensures the Force maintains the capability to the National Threat of Terrorism by providing the means to deter criminality and patrol the coast.

#### **7. Police operational implications**

As detailed in the Stage 2 capital bid – this is being requested by Operational Policing Command for longevity of fleet

#### **8. Financial implications**

See Section 14A in the Stage 2 Capital bid and the breakdown from Management Accountant Colin Cooper

#### **9. Legal implications**

None identified

#### **10. Staffing implications**

None identified- this will support both OPC and the wider police and partners (Border Force, NCA, Kent and MPS)

**11. Equality and Diversity implications**

None identified

**12. Risks**

As detailed in Section 7 of the Stage 2 capital bid

**13. Governance Boards**

Agreed at Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the investment business case stage by PFCC and Essex Chief officer team respectively

**14. Background papers**



Essex RHIB refit

**Report Approval**

The report will be signed off by the OPFCC Chief Executive and Treasurer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.

Chief Executive / M.O.

Sign:

Print: P. DEWITT-SHEPHERD

Date: 16 SEPTEMBER 2019.

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign:

Print: ABBEY GOLF

Date: 16/09/19

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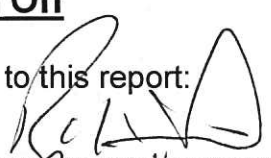
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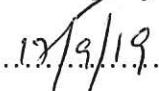
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