

Patrol Vessel Update

Following an application to the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund by the D&SIFCA for the purchase of a replacement patrol vessel the board in Newcastle have approved the application and the D&SIFCA will receive £72,755.95 towards the cost of the new vessel.

The cost of the new vessel is £117,188.63, ex Vat, and therefore the grant represents 62% of the total cost. The remaining £44,432.68 will be paid from the D&SIFCA Capital Receipts from the sale of the previous patrol vessel.

The brief to the Authority on the new vessel and the application for EMFF was undertaken by IFCO Gavin Mayhew, who has done an excellent job in not only drawing up the new vessel specification, but in successfully obtaining the grant funding and also in liaising with the chosen boat manufacturer.

Gavin will act as the project manager and main liaison with the yard during the build of the new vessel as well as undertaking the acceptance trials with the rest of the enforcement team when the time comes.

At the last full Authority meeting in December the sad news of David Rowe's illness was relayed to members and it was proposed that the new patrol vessel is named after David in recognition of all his work for the IFCA, its predecessor the Devon Sea Fisheries Committee, and his key role in developing the D&SIFCA permitting byelaw approach in his role as the Chair of the Byelaw and Permitting Committee.

Recommendation

That the Authority officially write to David expressing their wish to name the new patrol vessel after him and to first seek his permission to do so and secondly to invite him to officially name the vessel when the time comes.