

From: Cllr. Ivan Henderson
Sent: 16 February 2026 14:19
To: Rachel Rowsell
Cc: Lee Heley; Barbara Pole
Subject: RE: Harwich Harbour Ferry £1,500 grant for 2026/27

Hi Rachel,

This is to confirm my approval for the £1,500 grant to the Harwich Harbour Ferry.

With best wishes

Ivan

From: Rachel Rowsell
Sent: 16 February 2026 13:27
To: Cllr. Ivan Henderson
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Good Afternoon Ivan

I am seeking your approval for the annual grant of £1,500 to Harwich Harbour Ferry for 2026/27. The grant has been reviewed in line with the Council's Grantmaking Policy and endorsed by the Lee for continuation.

In summary, TDC's £1,500 leverages a total partnership contribution of £31,750 from six councils, which funds winter repairs and regulatory compliance for the ferry service between Harwich, Felixstowe and Shotley. Harwich is the primary beneficiary, with most journeys starting and

returning there. The service supports local jobs, tourism, and sustainable transport, aligning with

our Corporate Plan priorities.

The owners have recently secured funding for a new website and booking system, and are in discussions with Freeport East about a potential winter service as a stepping stone to a regular commuter route.

On subsidy control, this grant does not constitute a subsidy under the Subsidy Control Act 2022.

The ferry is the only service of its kind on this route, so there is no competitor affected by the public

support – meaning no impact on competition or investment.

Please let me know if you're happy to proceed and I will publish the Decision accordingly.

Thanks

Rachel

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