

Record of Officer's Decision

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Date of Decision:	08/07/2026
Decision Maker (Officer):	Andrew Wilesmith – Head of Sport and Leisure Liam Noah – Seafront Services Manager
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	Part 3, Schedule 3 – Responsibility for Executive Functions delegated to Officers paragraph 4.4 (1) – the Corporate Director has delegated authority to discharge executive functions within their respective service areas (Part 3.48). All delegations are subject to consultation where considered appropriate in the circumstances (paragraph 4.4 (4(ii) – Part 3.48). The Corporate Director, Place and Wellbeing has delegated operational matters relating to the supply and delivery of the Avon Searider Rescue 4M boat for Beach Patrol.
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Cllr Mick Barry
Ward Member(s) consulted?	N/A
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	A) To purchase the Avon Searider Rescue 4M boat for Beach Patrol from Clacton Volunteer Lifeguards for £4500. B) the Avon Searider Rescue 4M boat is to be used for patrols and rescues on Clacton seafront, alongside providing support to Clacton Airshow.
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	As per the background information, the boat would provide a more versatile, fuel-efficient and capable rescue option than the current Zodiac RIBs and would complement the jet skis by offering greater stability, improved staff wellbeing, the ability to support multiple rescues, and better performance in rougher conditions. It would also strengthen operational capability during Clacton Airshow by supporting buoy laying, reducing reliance on

	external contractors and improving patrol coverage, while enabling Clacton Volunteer Lifeguards to reinvest the proceeds into a more suitable watercraft, further improving local water safety.	
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	There will be an initial cost of getting the boat, engine and trailer serviced which can be offset, along with the cost of the boat, by sale of the two other zodiac RIBs and their engines (that are not currently in use).	
NEW : Details of Local Government Reorganisation and/or Devolution considerations	Should LGR lead to any changes, the boat, engine and trailer can be sold again and should retain its value.	
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	Not to purchase the Avon Searider Rescue 4M. This would result in increased costs and higher potential for reduced water coverage at Clacton Airshow. This would lead to higher costs for the council where the jet skis are currently used for all patrols and use more fuel in doing so.	
Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision) If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:	N/A	
Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published: <i>Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,</i> <u>and</u> <i>Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).</i>	✓	Not applicable – Decision to be published.
	If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:	
	☐	The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information
	☐	The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:
	☐	• Relates to an individual
	☐	• Likely to reveal the identity of an individual
	☐	• Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation
	☐	• Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings
	☐	• Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or to make an order or direction under any enactment

		• Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime
	<u>And</u> is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information Reasons:	

Officers

Signed:

Title: Head of Sports and Leisure

Signed: 

Title: Seafront Services Manager

In consultation with:

Signed:

Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Public Realm

Signed:

Signed:

Section 151 Officer (if required)

Signed:

Monitoring Officer (if required)

Dated: