MEETING OF THE AIFCA MEMBERS FORUM &

Combined DIRECTORS meeting

19th January 2023 at 14:00

via Video Conference

The meeting started at 14:06

IN ATTENDANCE

Les Weller (Vice Chairman)
Dr Steve Axford
Cllr Tom FitzPatrick
David McCandless
Sam Davis
Tim Dapling
Joseph Moulton
Mark Sotherton
Julian Gregory
Mat Mander
Pia Bateman
Cllr Mark Roberts
Philip Capper - part
Robert Clark (Chief Officer)
Cllr Paul Williams (Accountant) - part

1. Apologies for absence

Prof. Peter Jones
Tom Hooper
Cllr John Lamb
Cllr Andy Guy
Prof Mike Williams
Dr Will Wright
Tony Tomlinson MBE (Chairman)

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were amended to reflect apologies received and agreed.

5. Progress Reports

The Chief Officer provided an update on the IFCAs Capital (patrol vessel) bid with Defra.

ITEM(S) FOR DECISION

6. The AIFCA 2022/23 draft budget, key activities, and subscriptions

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Members discussed the recent announcement that an additional £150k would be made available to the IFCAs and the AIFCA, and how those monies would be allocated as well as the financing of the marine Natural Capital Ecosystem Assessment (mNCEA). Members gave detailed scrutiny of the income and expenditure. Members considered the impact of the levy freezes on several of the IFCAs. After detailed discussion members AGREED, by way of ordinary vote, the AIFCA subscription for the 2023/24 financial period, that being an increase in AIFCA subscriptions by 4.5% to £13,585. The recommendation was proposed by Eastern IFCA and seconded by Sussex IFCA. Six votes were in favour, one against and one abstention.

ITEM(S) FOR INFORMATION

7. Date of the next meeting

Members Forum – 7th March 2023

The meeting finished at 15:02

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