

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Lead Officer: Peter Sommerfield Harbour Master and Head of Marine Services	Service: Marine Services
CMT Officer: Carol Pilson, Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer	Delegated Power Being Exercised: Table 4, Point 59 To manage and promote the services for which they are responsible and to enter into arrangements, or do anything else which is considered necessary or expedient in the management of the services and functions for which they are responsible including the acquisition of goods, works and services within budgets and policies approved by the Council and in compliance with the Financial Rules and Scheme of Financial Delegation and Code of Procurement
Subject of Decision: Purchase of buoys to mark the newly opened channel	

Decision Taken:

To purchase six special yellow marker buoys and associated lights and anchoring equipment from Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority at a reduced cost to FDC of £6,000 to replace current equipment and have spare capacity.

Reasons for the Decision:

Ports require buoys and lights for several reasons:

- Navigational safety
- Clear communication
- Visibility
- **Regulatory Compliance (COLREGS, IALA)**
- Environmental protection

Alternative Options Considered (if appropriate):

No other alternatives are available at the price being offered due to the demise of suppliers in the local areas of such equipment. To source the buoys elsewhere would be very costly to the council.

Background/Reports/Information considered and attached:

Eastern IFCA quotation

Legal and Procurement Implications

No known implications. Equipment is required to fulfil statutory duties and given current market rates represents best value to the Council.

Financial Implications

The cost can be fulfilled within budget.

Decision Maker's Signature:

Date:

Carol Pilson, Corporate Director & Monitoring
Officer

25 March 2026

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