

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for Hythe – Councillor David Owen**

Subject: Hythe and Saltwood Sailing Club

**Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive**

Date decision taken: 28 January 2019

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**Name and address of applicant(s):**

Louisa Spice  
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**Name and description of project:**

New windsurf equipment and improved weather station – the purchase of new (second hand) windsurfing equipment for members new to the sport. The purchase of a flag pole, weather station and webcam for improved vital weather data.

**DECISION:**

**To provide funding of £750 to the above project.**

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**Reason for decision:**

Over the past years our membership has increased, with many of our new members wishing to learn to windsurf. Having new members is fabulous news for the success of the club but it also brings the challenge of providing equipment for those of them that are new to the sport. We run regular windsurfing clubs and need good quality equipment for our members.

The data we get from our weather station is vital in planning races and training sessions and the current system is now outdated and needs replacement. The

current system no longer provides accurate data and we have been advised that it needs replacing.

**UPDATE – 22 MARCH 2019** – *Cllr Owen has agreed for funding to be diverted towards the purchase of a new boat.*

Every March we have regular maintenance days where the club volunteers get together and get the club and equipment ship shape for the summer season. At last weeks session we discovered that one of our rescue boats seems to be damaged beyond economical repair – this is bad news as without the rescue boat we can't race or run training sessions, which we are due to start up in early April.

At our Committee meeting last night we discussed the progress with the weather station and flag pole and as these items have not yet been purchased I suggested that I ask if you would consider us being able to divert the grants you provided us with away from the flagpole and weather station and towards the purchase of a new rescue boat which will set us back in the region of £3-4,000. I am sure you can understand that this has to be a priority for us, over the weather station and flagpole.

**Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:**

None

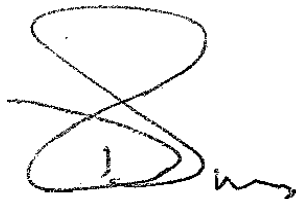
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None

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**The decision set out above was made by me.**



**Signed:**

**28 January 2019**

**Councillor David Owen  
Hythe**