

**Decision taken by:** **Ward Member for Sandgate and West  
Folkestone–  
Councillor Tim Prater**

**Subject:** **Folkestone and Hythe Sea and Royal Marine  
Cadets**

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

**Date decision taken:** 24 September 2020

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

Ricky McNeice  
Ross Mews,  
Folkestone, Kent  
CT20 3UJ

**Name and description of project:**

Losing money each year for the past 7 years, we identified that we either need to increase our cadet fees (which we don't want to do because we want to keep it affordable for all), we are looking at decreasing our costs, electricity being our largest expense. We have already replaced the heating to a more efficient system, now we need to replace the 70no lights within the building to a more eco-friendly and efficient LED system. This will see a cost saving, to help balance our finances rather than increasing cadet costs.

**DECISION:**

**To provide funding of £500 to the above project.**

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**Reason for decision:**

At our unit, we have 53 cadets (aged 9-18) with 21 adult volunteers, who (during normal operations) attend the unit twice a week, and then at weekends we take the cadets away on training weekends. This is hugely beneficial for those young cadets in helping them grow as individuals. Historically, we have had a number of cadets continue their careers by joining the Royal Navy, all citing the benefits that Sea and Royal Marine Cadets bring to making their naval careers a reality. As a Charity, we also make sure we are prominent in all Folkestone events including Armed Forces Day, Hythe Venetian Fete, and Remembrance Events, to name but a few.

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

None

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

**Signed:**

**24<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

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**Councillor Tim Prater  
Ward – Sandgate and West Folkestone**