

6. Resources Report 2018-19

Premises

The Authority moved to its current premises at 8 Ennerdale Road, Blyth in September 2013 and signed a 5 year renewable lease which was reviewed in 2017 and duly confirmed until August 2023. The rent was £25,000 per annum for the first 2 years rising to £27,500 thereafter. The premises provide an excellent work base and storage facilities.

Vessels and Vehicles

The Authority's current patrol vessel is a 16m GRP catamaran named St Aidan which it acquired in April 2015. The vessel cost £679,836 and was financed entirely from the Authority's own reserves. St Aidan is also equipped with an onboard 5.4m RIB named TT St Aidan.

The Authority also owned a 7.0m RIB named Bravo 1 which it purchased in 2009 at a cost of £46,369. It was stored at the Authority's premises and was used principally for shore patrols and survey work. A new trailer was purchased in 2016/17 at a cost of £3,474 and was also stored at the Authority's premises along with a 4m Zodiac craft which is also used for survey work.

The Authority was in the process of acquiring a new 10m Cabin RIB with 70% of the cost being financed by a grant from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund. The final build cost was expected to be around £145,000 and it was anticipated that the new RIB, to be named Robert Arkless, would enter service in July 2019 whereupon the current Bravo 1 RIB and trailer was to be sold. The new RIB will be based at Amble Marina and will provide the Authority with enhanced capabilities for marine enforcement and survey work.

In October 2016 the Authority took delivery of a new Ford Ranger to replace the old land rover which was written off following an accident. The vehicle is leased from Northumberland County Council under a 4-year service level agreement for hire and maintenance at an annual cost of £6,091.

Estimated Reserves

Total Reserves, including the Patrol Vessel Renewal Fund and the General Reserve, were £503,803 at the end of 2018/19.



Officers joined onboard St Aidan by Newcastle University Students to conduct surveys for MSFD Project. Vessel chartered by Newcastle University during 2018

