

Notice of Motion – Council 7 December 2017

Safety of Fishermen (Mayoral Decision)

This Council notes that the fishing industry is a dangerous industry to work in, with several lives lost across the UK each year. Such a tragic loss of life has a far reaching impact upon the fisherman's family, friends and community. Personal Floatation Devices and Personal Locator Beacons would greatly improve the chances of the fisherman being rescued. Unfortunately not all fishermen can afford this equipment.

Therefore this Council requests the Executive Head Assets and Business Services to make an application to the Marine Management Organisation for funding through the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund to fully fund the purchase of Personal Floatation Devices equipped with Personal Locator Beacons and to develop a delivery scheme in partnership with the local fishing industry. This would ensure that those local fishermen who would struggle financially to buy one of these potentially lifesaving pieces of equipment can be provided to them at no cost.

This Council also requests the Chief Executive to write to the Local Government Association to request they encourage all other councils with fishing communities to follow suit and support the fishing industry nationally.

Proposer: Councillor Ellery

Seconder: Councillor Amil