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To: Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority –
26 November 2024

Subject: Construction of new cabin RIB

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Summary: This paper updates members on the construction of a new cabin RIB

Recommendations:

The Authority is asked to **NOTE** the report

Contracts were signed with Ribcraft in October 2024 and the build of the vessel has started.

Officers have had two meetings with Ribcraft, one to finalise the specification prior to contracts being signed and a follow up on 12 November 2024. Officers have also visited Southern IFCA who have just taken delivery of the sister vessel to that which KEIFCA has in build. Officers spent time with Southern IFCA looking at how the vessel worked and whether there were any areas for improvement, particularly related to the specific needs of KEIFCA.

At a meeting on 12 November, some minor alterations were made to the specification and officers were shown around the boat yard. At the time of writing, the wheelhouse is being made in the GRP moulding workshop and some key components have been procured including the engines and the low light camera.

Officers are next intending to visit the boatyard when the hull comes out of the GRP workshop.



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