

**NWIFCA Quarterly Meeting:
20 September 2013: 11.00 a.m.**

**AGENDA
ITEM NO.
15**

NWIFCA PATROL VESSEL PROCUREMENT

Purpose of Report

To update members on the procurement process for replacement of the NWIFCA patrol vessel 'Solway Protector'.

Recommendation

The report be received.

UPDATE

1. Following approval by Lancashire County Council that the procurement can be run by the LCC Procurement Centre of excellence, the Council has appointed a Procurement Officer, Greta Kurkuzinskaite to manage the tender exercise.
2. The specification for the vessel is complex and the procurement of a size that must comply with EU tender standards. Therefore it is essential that the tender is run by specialist officers who have the knowledge to ensure it is conducted in accordance with EU rules.
3. A proposed timescale for the tender process is set out below

Action	Date
Scoping of procurement / preparation of tender pack	Present - 14 November 2013
Issue OJEU & ITT	15 November 2013
ITT closing date	7 January 2014
ITT evaluation period	7 January – 26 January 2014
Finalise Award	27 January 2014
LCC Approval	7 February 2014
Alcatel standstill commencement	17 February 2014
Alcatel standstill end	28 February 2014
Contract commence date	1 March 2014

**Chief Executive
September 2013**