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NWIFCA Quarterly Meeting Agenda Item No .5

North West Inshore Fisheries
For the 3 months ended 30 June 2026

Financial Report

A. Purpose of Report

- To present the Budget Review to 30 June 2026

B. Recommendation

- That the Budget Review to 30 June 2026 is approved

	2027 OPERATING BUDGET	OPERATING BUDGET TO DATE	APR-JUN 2026	VARIANCE
Income				
Levy	1,937,601	484,401	484,401	-
Permit Fees	85,000	21,249	62,709	41,460 ↑
Shellfish sampling	10,000	2,499	10,000	7,501 ↑
Misc Income	-	-	399	399 ↑
Interest Received	75,000	18,750	36,000	17,250 ↑
Total Income	**2,107,601**	**526,899**	**593,508**	**66,609**

	2027 OPERATING BUDGET	OPERATING BUDGET TO DATE	APR-JUN 2026	VARIANCE
Expenditure				
Employees	1,363,453	340,863	298,495	(42,368) ↓
Estates	197,648	49,413	48,698	(715) ↓
Transport	129,500	32,376	37,576	5,200 ↑
Depreciation	-	-	25,153	25,153 ↑
Depreciation adjustment on disposal	-	-	2,720	2,720 ↑
Capital Asset expense	150,000	37,500	37,500	-
Corporate	267,000	66,747	49,738	(17,009) ↓
Total Expenditure	**2,107,601**	**526,899**	**499,879**	**(27,020)**

	2027 OPERATING BUDGET	OPERATING BUDGET TO DATE	APR-JUN 2026	VARIANCE
Total Surplus				
Current Year Earnings	-	-	93,630	93,630 ↑
Addback non-cash expenses (depreciation charges etc)	-	-	27,873	27,873 ↑
Net Surplus	-	-	**121,502**	**121,502**

	2027 OPERATING BUDGET	OPERATING BUDGET TO DATE	APR-JUN 2026	VARIANCE
Capital and Reserves				
Current Year Earnings	-	-	93,630	93,630 ↑
General Reserves 25% ops	-	-	526,901	526,901 ↑
Other reserves	-	-	946,575	946,575 ↑
Capital Asset Replacement Fund	-	-	1,232,079	1,232,079 ↑
RDEL	-	-	453,994	453,994 ↑
Bangor PhD	-	-	36,000	36,000 ↑
Office moves	-	-	61,617	61,617 ↑
Dee Ro	-	-	79,784	79,784 ↑
Total Capital and Reserves	**-**	**-**	**3,430,579**	**3,430,579**

1. Notes and Comments on the performance to 30th June 2026

Overall Performance

For the quarter, the Authority is reporting a net surplus of £121,502, after adding back adjustments relating to depreciation. Income has exceeded budget, whilst expenditure has generally remained below anticipated levels.

Income

Shellfish Sampling income has already reached the full-year budgeted level during the first quarter. As the year progresses and further sampling work is undertaken, this favourable variance is expected to continue to increase.

Interest Received is performing significantly ahead of budget, with income received during the period being almost double that anticipated for the quarter. It is expected that interest income will reduce over the remainder of the year as balances held within reserve accounts decrease.

Expenditure

Employees - The employer pension contributions have reduced significantly from 19.2% down to 4.6%. This is due to the overperformance of Lancashire Council Pension Fund to which the Authority subscribe to. As such, the Fund will cover the rest of the employer's contributions for at least the next three years (2026/27-2028/29). It is estimated that this is a reduction of approximately £140,000 per annum in pension costs.

The reduction in employer pension contributions accounts for approximately 84% of the variance within employee costs, making it the principal driver of the underspend in this area.

Estates - Expenditure remains broadly in line with budget expectations for the quarter. This is despite the Authority incurring costs across both the Kellett Road premises and the new lock-ups at Keer Park during the transition period. As a result, rent and rates have been payable on both sites during the quarter.

Transport - are reporting a modest overspend, primarily within Fuel & Oil. The increase is likely to reflect higher fuel prices experienced during the period, with disruption to shipping routes through the Strait of Hormuz and wider geopolitical tensions contributing to increased fuel costs.

Corporate - expenditure shows an underspend against budget, primarily due to lower than anticipated Professional Services costs. Some expected invoices and fees have not yet been received, we will review this throughout the year.

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Fund Balance Movements

The only movement within the RDEL account during the quarter relates to Stephanie Reid's salary costs. The CARF balance movement reflects the approved contribution of £37,500 during the period and £16,860 of repairs to NWP.

CARF account reconciliation	£
Balance as at 1st April 2026	1,211,439
Funding as above	37,500
Repairs to NWP	-16,860
CARF balance as at 30th June 2026	**1,232,079**

RDEL account reconciliation	£
Balance as at 1st April 2026	463,402
Spending	- 9,408
RDEL balance as at 30th June 2026	**453,994**

Rushtons Chartered Accountants 3rd September 2026