

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

To: Environmental Services Committee

REDBAY ALL WEATHER LIFEBOAT TRIAL

1st September 2015

For Decision

Report to Committee

Linkage to Corporate Plan	
Strategic Priority	Building Prosperity
Objectives	Actively develop and promote the economic and social development of the area
Lead Officer	Aidan McPeake
Revenue Costs:	n/a
Capital Costs:	n/a

1.1 Background

Correspondence has been received from Darren Byers, Divisional Operations Manager for Ireland North & Isle Of Man, Royal National Lifeboat Institution in relation to a proposal to station an All Weather Lifeboat (AWB) at Red Bay and to ask the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council for support in assisting with this process.

1.2 The Proposal

The RNLI is to position a Tent class All Weather Lifeboat in the Red Bay area on a 2/3 year trial basis. The RNLI has identified after an extensive review process, that there is a need to upgrade the existing assets they have in the area. This would improve Search and Rescue cover on the North and East coast, ensuring the safety of their crews and the general public. The preferred site would be at Red Bay pier, which is in the ownership of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, as shown on attached plan.

This would initially involve

- Mooring facilities off the pier
- Temporary accommodation (2/3 portacabins at the Pier)
- Landing pontoon and gangway alongside the pier
- Possible facilities for a Boarding boat at pier
- Provision of water/electrical facilities
- Dredging work at pier

RLNI have indicated that they will liaise with existing pier users to ensure that any change to current arrangements will enable them to continue existing activities with minimal disruption.

The RNLI have appointed consultants to put in place the initial plans and permissions. It is hoped to have the AWB in situ by the start of 2016. The consultants (RPS) will be in contact with Council officers very shortly to supply more detailed information about the project.

The RLNI have stated that they do not see this as having any financial implications for the Council and they see this new service being of great benefit to the Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council.

1.3 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council support the project and permit officers to review the proposals for berthing the All Weather Lifeboat at Redbay Pier.