



ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF RNLI COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 17 JULY 2020 ONLINE VIA WEBINAR

The RNLI Council met online via webinar on Friday 17 July 2020.

The meeting covered:

- Agreement from Trustees to the establishment of a Racism, Discrimination and Diversity Action Group in order to address a number of important issues around greater diversity. The aims would be to remove all aspects of racism and acts of discrimination, and to increase black and ethnic minority participation in our governance through membership of the Council, Trustee Board and Committees. This was also part of the effort to reach all communities to improve water safety and to increase the supporter base.
- Permission and issue of a s105 Order from the Charity Commission to hold a virtual Annual General Meeting. This had been sought as the RNLI's Bye-Laws only provided for an AGM to be held in person at a physical location in a physical meeting. Therefore, the published date of 9 July at a hotel in London had been postponed to 3 November as a virtual meeting.
- The Chief Executive's Charity Report which provided Council members with a top line overview of activities in each area of the RNLI of particular interest or concern.
- Lifesaving operations update which included water safety, statistics, lifeguards, lifeboats, training programme, and the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Irish Coast Guard and HM Coastguard.
- Fundraising, marketing and media update which included the Thames/Tower lifeboat station appeal.

In particular there was a full question and answer session which included inclusion and diversity, and the impact on lifeboat crew members and lifeguards by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Overall, the Council were pleased with the online format of the meeting presented today which permitted a number of them the flexibility to attend and participate.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Council postponed from July 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and will be held online via webinar on Thursday 5 November 2020.