



LIFEGUARD TRAINING COURSE

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 5/24

20 FEBRUARY 2024

This Report is to ask Members to consider Lifeguard Training Course for Beach Safety Workers.

NO. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) Ventnor Town Council's two Beach Safety Workers are very keen to undertake Lifeguard Training and the Town Council is committed to encouraging and supporting its staff team.
- b) The qualification to be attained is the Royal Lifesaving Society National Vocational Beach Lifeguard Qualification.
- c) The course duration is 5 days - with an assessment on the 6th day - comprising both wet and dry sessions through physical training and theatrical classroom work; the wet sessions will be both in the pool and the sea.
- d) The next course runs consecutively from 8-13 April in Ryde, at a cost of £280.00 per candidate.
- e) Our Beach Safety Workers are expected to complete the course in their own time and not within their working hours for the Town Council.

2) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to:-

- agree to fund the cost per candidate of £280.00 to enable them to undertake the course (a total cost of £560.00)
- authorise its Acting Town Clerk to progress completion of the application forms and to advise both candidates that funding this course is subject to them remaining as Ventnor Town Council's staff members for 2 years (ie., 2024 & 2025). If either member of staff leaves before September 2025, they must repay the course fee to Ventnor Town Council.