

## **Fly the Red Ensign 2019**

### **1. Purpose of the report**

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a background of the event and further information.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1 The 3<sup>rd</sup> September has become as Merchant Navy Day to honour the brave men & women who kept our nation afloat during both World Wars and the perils of the Sea that they still face today.
- 2.2 Many thousands of British seafarers work on the oceans of the world, underpinning the vast majority of the international commerce that keeps our economy buoyant.
- 2.3 The 'Fly the Red Ensign 2019' is intended to promote and raise awareness of the work of the Merchant Navy both past & present
- 2.4 Organisations & private individuals with a flag pole are invited to Fly the Red Ensign & hold a flag hoisting ceremony for local dignitaries, VIPs, Merchant Navy Veterans and others on or around the 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **3. Financial implications**

- 3.1 The purchase of the Red Ensign at £99.85+ vat sewn or £79.95+vat printed & delivery at £4.99
- 3.2 Expenses incurred if agreed to hold the event ie refreshments and promotion.
- 3.3 Staff time to put the event together.
- 3.4 The suspension of approximately 9 parking bays in the Cross Hayes would be necessary (at a cost of £20 per bay per day) if agreed to hold a Flag Hoisting ceremony.
- 3.5 There will also be a safety implication as the car park is classed as on street parking therefore vehicles are able to move freely around it. Parking services are unable to give permission to close the highway, C&TP would need to seek a road closure from traffic Orders along with the events manager for this area regarding health and safety issues and risk assessments.

### **4. Proposal**

- 4.1 Members of the Committee determine whether to hold the event and progress.