

Broadland Futures Initiative

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2022

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Attendees

Marie-Pierre Tighe (Chair)- Broads Authority, Julia Beeden- Water Resources East, David Cobby – Jacobs, Peter Doktor - Environment Agency, Victoria Egan- National Trust, Rob Goodliffe- Coastal Partnership East, Charlotte Rivett – Norwich City Council, Mark Johnson - Environment Agency, John Jones – Norfolk County Council, Sarah Luff- Norfolk County Council, Philip Pearson- RSPB, Gavin Rumsey- Environment Agency, Kylie Moos - Broads Authority (minutes).

1. Apologies for absence and welcome

Marie-Pierre Tighe (MPT) welcomed everyone to the remote meeting.

Apologies received from Donna Dean, Kellie Fisher, Kevin Hart, Alison Old, Rob Wise.

2. Update of technical work

Peter Doktor (PD) provided an update of technical work.

Salinity investigation (Product 17)

The second draft was reviewed by the Initiative Project Team (IPT) and other relevant organisations last month. Some of the feedback received was keen on expanding the monitoring network, this may be out of the scope of BFI but it could be built on later. The final product will look at a statistical model to link the data available to a range of factors that are relevant to salinity. Victoria Egan (VE) agreed to send comments from the coastal programme team to PD.

Coastal data analysis (Product 18)

The first draft has been reviewed by the project team and fed back to Jacobs. The 1D modelling of beach profiles has not been possible due to the data available. Instead, the report will focus on trigger levels for beach management and will emphasise the strategic lessons learnt. The IPT will be asked to review the next draft of the report.

Lee Swift is carrying out work at the EA on erosion under accelerated sea level rise. This work is out of scope of BFI, but PD will highlight to the Jacobs team for awareness.

Appraisal methodology (Product 12)

The appraisal methodology has been reviewed by the IPT and is now ready to be presented to the Elected Members Forum (EMF) for agreement. Additional interpretive material will also be provided for the EMF.

Hydraulic modelling

The new hydraulic model will cover the Broads, standalone tributaries and the will update existing coastal models. The data collection stage is complete and the methodology is now being defined. The final product will be technically complex but, still needs to be presented in a useable format to engage with stakeholders.

Norfolk and Suffolk Coast Transition Programme

The BFI project team have not yet met with the Norfolk & Suffolk Coast Transition Programme team. Rob Goodliffe (RG) agreed to set up a meeting to discuss the Coastal Transition Accelerator Programme.

Sarah Luff (SL) agreed to set up a meeting to discuss the Reclaim the Rain project.

Contract scope

The contract scope for next phase of technical work is in development.

2022-2025

PD shared a Gantt chart for the next four years of the project. The chart shows the top five activities and the different times for stakeholder input and output. It is expected that the IPT will review the various products as and when they become available. All public facing documents will provide opportunities for the public to provide feedback.

The existing [hydraulic modelling](#) video will be built on and used as the public output for the new hydraulic model.

There needs to be an awareness of how other projects and initiatives will feed into BFI and the final outputs of the project. David Cobby (DC) confirmed that new initiatives such as Reclaim the Rain are discussed at the monthly meetings. Product seven (strategic plans and documents relating to the plan area) was undertaken in 2020, but it may be that an update is required.

The next series of activities and products will be as follows:

- Making the objectives SMART – A half day workshop is proposed in September for the IPT to discuss the objectives before they are presented to the EMF.
- Priority for objectives – Currently all objectives have an equal weighting. The weighting should be reviewed based on information from stakeholders and working with the EMF.
- Identify all possible actions – Creating a long list of actions and engaging with stakeholders.
- Screen the potential actions – A half day workshop is proposed for the IPT to discuss the potential actions before they are presented to the EMF.

3. Update on communications and community engagement

Gavin Rumsey (GR) provided an update to the IPT on activities since the last meeting.

- Presented to the Broadland Catchment Partnership, the first update since 2019.
- Contributed to the April edition of The Broads Society Harnser Magazine.
- Recorded BBC Voices Podcast Interview via BBC Radio Norfolk. The request came from a student at the UEA who wants to raise awareness around local climate change. The podcast will be available from mid-May.
- Presented at the Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance Meeting held at County Hall.
- Identified key engagement activity required for the next phase of work.

A forward look

- At the end of the month the latest BFI Progress Newsletter will be distributed to stakeholders. This will be the 9th Edition of the publication.
- Continued development and logistical planning of engagement activity for later this year as part of the next phase of work. Including an interactive session at the next

Upper Thurne Working Group to verify and test the proposed plans for stakeholder input.

- Public event at Ormesby St Margaret end of May (date to be confirmed). Hemsby is likely to focus on coastal erosion however it will be made clear that the event focuses on flood risk. Mark Johnson (MJ) noted that there are also surface water flood challenges at Hemsby and there are studies completed by Norfolk County Council (NCC) on this risk. John Jones (JJ) agreed to contact Mark Ogden and report back to GR, PD and Kellie Fisher (KF).

4. Elected Members Forum

JJ reported that Andy Grant will be stepping down as the lead for environment at NCC and will no longer chair the EMF. The replacement is due to be announced by the end of April. JJ agreed update MPT once the replacement has been decided. A briefing session was recommended for the Chair and any new members before the next EMF.

A doodle poll will be shared with members next week to decide the date for the next EMF. Three dates will be provided for June. Members will be presented with the Appraisal methodology for agreement.

5. Humber flood risk management strategy tool

David Cobby (DC) presented the Humber Adaptive Pathways Explorer webpage for the IPT to consider as a tool for BFI. The tool enables users to explore how planning future flood risk management can be done in a way that remains flexible and adaptable to climate change. Users can decide how to manage flood risk in the future, starting from how it is done today.

The tool was produced to give decision makers and stakeholders an example of what an adaptive plan may look like in the Humber. The tool was also supported by face to face workshops.

Comments and answers to questions

- The Humber Adaptive Pathways Explorer webpage is only available on the Jacobs network however, DC agreed to arrange access for the IPT for a limited time to explore the tool.
- Face to face workshops are run with groups of 4-5 and a facilitator. An online workshop is also possible for larger groups.
- Jacobs have been commissioned produce a coastal erosion version of the tool along the coast in Christchurch (NZ).
- There were three different types of audience to target the tool at; the public, an informed officer and a technical professional. The tool could have been confused with the Humber Strategy Study which is why informed officers were selected as the target audience. The tool can be developed to suit all types of audiences.
- There is a risk that by creating a version for the BFI plan area to demonstrate an adaptive approach, that it could be confused with the decision-making process.

- The tool also needs to demonstrate the consequences for the environment when considering an adaptive approach. Environmental changes are just as important as residential and agricultural changes.
- The IPT requested that DC provided a brief presentation to the EMF at the next meeting. The Humber example will be used and if the EMF are interested, then a separate dedicated workshop can be arranged at a later date.

6. AOB

The Norfolk Water Strategy Programme will be launching its consultation on 4th May. This covers proposals for the future priorities of the Norfolk Water Fund and partnership Norfolk Water Hub. Further information will follow shortly about upcoming launch events including a face to face event in Norfolk on 16th May.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Broadland Future Initiative is 13 June 2022 via video conference.

Summary of progress

Outstanding actions	Meeting date	Assigned to
Share comments from the coastal programme team to PD (product 17).	25/04/2022	VE
Set up a meeting with PD to discuss the Coastal Transition Accelerator Programme.	25/04/2022	RG
Set up a meeting with PD to discuss the Reclaim the Rain project.	25/04/2022	SL
Contact Mark Ogden regarding surface water flood challenges at Hemsby	25/04/2022	JJ
Update MPT with details of the new NCC EMF replacement	25/04/2022	JJ