

Broads Authority

19 November 2021

Agenda item number 7

Summary of actions and outstanding issues following decisions at previous meetings

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Pilot agri-environment scheme for the Broads (Broads Test and Trial of ELMS)	16/03/2018	Andrea Kelly	Submission to Defra for pilot agri-environment scheme for the Broads, which builds on partnership work with NFU and local land managers and is prepared with assistance of local conservation NGOs.	<p>Oct 2019: Defra awarded Broads Test and Trial (T&T) contract. Sub-contracts awarded to Natural England, Norfolk Farming Wildlife Advisory Group and facilitator.</p> <p>Nov 2019: Broads Test and Trial published on website. Project investigating payments, management interventions, monitoring and verification of interventions.</p> <p>13 Nov 2019: First partnership workshop with 63 farmers and land managers hosted by BA, NFU, Natural England, Norfolk Farming Wildlife Advisory Group and facilitator, excellent participant feedback. https://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/looking-after/projects/environment-land-management-system. Workshop report circulated to Steering Group and participants and interested parties.</p> <p>10 Feb 2020: Defra ELMS team and Broads farmer site visit.</p> <p>Dec 2019 - May 2020: Objective 2 - Developed detail and costs of management interventions and scheme tiers for grazing marsh and fen/reedbed habitats; reviewed Site Emission Tool (carbon calculator) from similar habitats to trial from June 2020. Objective 3 - Trialled self-assessment form for fen and fen meadow in liaison with Conservation Organisations and British Reed Growers Association. Objective 4 - Assessed local board roles and membership. Objective 5 - Mapped information to inform collaboration around the Broads.</p> <p>29 Apr 2020: Submitted contract variation to Defra for extension from June-Oct and additional budget to collect data. Defra invited BA to submit costs for up to date fen management work.</p> <p>May 2020: Preparing online surveys and pre-recorded presentations.</p> <p>Jun 2020: Responded to Defra ELMS Policy Consultation and responding to Defra Peat Strategy Consultation. Signed new T&T Defra contract. Sent two online surveys to over 300 farmers and land managers - 77 completed. Contributed to thematic webinar on advice provision to Defra policy team. Preparing presentation to T&T thematic 15th July to Defra policy team. In discussion with partners and Defra on additional work to assess fen payments. Prepared grazing costs for verification with 10-15 farmers and land managers. Tested Site Emission Tool (carbon calculator) on one site and gaining agreement to test carbon savings on farmers land. Working with Oxford University Research Student to assess ELMS in Norfolk. Sept 2020: Analysed two online surveys. T&T report written for approval by Steering Group. Outputs include Broads Tier Structure, grazing payments budget and Collaboration Plan.</p>	31/08/2021

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				<p>EPA presented conclusions to Defra ELM scheme Policy Team. Defra requested BA applies for contract extension for further ELM scheme work, focusing on advice provision, formation of Local Board and role of convenors.</p> <p>Oct 2020: Full Report and Summary Action Plan published https://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/looking-after/projects/environment-land-management-scheme. Held meeting with Defra ELM team leaders and policy officers.</p> <p>Extension and new contract being formalised with Defra to test and trial 'advice provision' by end Dec 2020 and 'local governance' by end March 2021. Advice online questionnaire drafted. Policy governance approach and role for investment gathering being discussed.</p> <p>Jan 2021: Advice Provision Survey sent, analysed and Report published Broads-Test-Trials-Extension-Advice-Provision-Final.pdf (broads-authority.gov.uk). c.60 responses from farmers (71%) and land managers. New Test & Trial on setting up and trialling Local Governance proposal submitted to Defra for approval Jan 2021.</p> <p>Feb 2021: New Test & Trial approved by Defra Jan 2021. Partners will set up and trial the Broads Land Management Board and Local Convenor role and operate the Board via topic based seminars.</p> <p>Defra and Protected Landscape Farming Project is providing free advice on entering countryside stewardship - Countryside Stewardship in the Broads flyer. The Farming Project is also working with 3 local AONBs and UEA to produce Protected Landscape Natural Capital Evidence Compendium for farmers and land managers to support their E.L.M.</p> <p>9 Mar 2021: Defra guidance on Farming in Protect Landscapes scheme, due in Feb, still awaited.</p> <p>1 July 2021: Launch of the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) programme Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL)</p> <p>26 Aug 2021: Land Management Board set up with operating ToR and members, which has benefited the quick start of FiPL. T&T activities complete, including 3 seminars with National Expert speakers, and assessment of the role of Local Convenor via structured interviews. Report written and submitted to Defra. Setting up a handover meeting with Defra.</p> <p>21 Oct 2021: Defra are adopting the model developed and tested in the Broads Test and Trial of the Land Management Board for ELM Local Nature Recovery</p>	
National Parks Review: Response	28/09/2018	John Packman	That the Chairs' Group, together with the Chief Executive, provide a robust response for submission to the Review Team based on the eight areas required of the team and guidance from Members as indicated. Deadline response submission 18 December 2018. Chairs Group to meet 5 Dec 2018 to finalise response and consider points raised. Members also able to submit individual responses.	<p>Sept 2019: Landscapes Review Final Report published 21 Sept. Awaiting Government response to review. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/833726/landscapes-review-final-report.pdf</p> <p>Nov 2019/Jan 2020: Members received preliminary paper for discussion. Report on 31 Jan highlighted Review's 27 proposals and asked Members to consider BA priorities for more detailed discussion. Agreed to focus on where BA already taking action in line with Broads Plan, and where resources allow.</p> <p>Mar 2020: Issues for future discussion: Climate change and carbon capture; Biodiversity and future of agriculture; Promoting wider participation with National Parks on health and wellbeing benefits; Explore Proposal 21 Welcoming new landscaping approaches in cities and the coast - e.g. Norwich City as a National Park City.</p> <p>May 2020: Report and presentation on climate change to be given at BA meeting 24 July 2020.</p> <p>Oct 2020: Awaiting Government response on Landscape Review.</p>	24/07/2020

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				<p>Nov 2020: Defra's publication of The Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution (publishing.service.gov.uk), which includes this headline "New national parks and greater protections for England's iconic landscapes to improve access to nature and better protect the country's rich wildlife and biodiversity".</p> <p>April 2021: Awaiting Government response on Landscapes Review.</p> <p>June 2021: Written Ministerial Statement issued on 24 June Written statements - Written questions, answers and statements - UK Parliament and response from National Park England Landscapes review - government response: National Parks England</p> <p>November 2021: Government response anticipated in the near future.</p>	
Wherryman's Way footpath on River Chet	26/07/2019	Rob Rogers	Wherryman's Way footpath by River Chet included in priority actions for new Waterways and Recreation Officer. Discussions ongoing with Norfolk County Council.	<p>Work to be split into 2 phases over winter 2020 and 2021. Plan is to concentrate efforts in first year on Loddon FP4, Langley with Hardley FP9 and Loddon FP5.</p> <p>NCC to repair two bridges at Loddon FP4 by Sept 2020.</p> <p>Environmental officers to complete minor tree/shrub clearance by Oct 2020.</p> <p>BA operations team to dredge Chet for 3 months from Oct 2020 and dispose of material on sections of footpaths mentioned. They will return 6 months later to rebuild paths with new material. Similar work to continue in 2021 to restore rest of footpaths at eastern end of Hardley Flood.</p> <p>May 2020: Project now part of a much larger programme of works in partnership with Norfolk County Council and CIL application; to include new circular routes, bank stabilisation, signs and infrastructure, and access for all resurfacing works. Programme improvements across entire Wherryman's Way beginning 2021.</p> <p>Oct 2020: Funding application submitted Aug, been through first round approval and decision to be made in Dec.</p> <p>Dec 2020: Application unsuccessful. Reframing bid with Norfolk CC colleagues to submit in a future funding round.</p> <p>Apr 2021: BA to dredge River Chet and place sediment onto footpath winter 2021/2022. Arrangement made with Norfolk CC to return up to 18 months later to reshape footpath once sediment has dried.</p> <p>Jun 2021: BA partnering up with NCC for CIL application to carry out additional works here and at Surlingham and Bramerton.</p> <p>July 2021: The CIL bid has been submitted (end of July 2021) with responses for successful bids expected in Nov 2021. Dredging in the River Chet is programmed for October 21 with material being deposited onto the footway to help build up the path. The CIL money (if successful) will be used to restore bridges and stabilise the banks at weak points.</p>	31/12/2021
Draft planning documents for consultation	27/09/2019	Natalie Beal	Processes for consultation on Draft Marketing and Viability SPD and Residential Moorings Guide, and adoption of Flood Risk SPD and Statement of Community Involvement.	<p>Sept 2019: Documents submitted for first stage public consultation from 30 Sept to 22 Nov.</p> <p>Jan 2020: Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and responses to consultation considered by Planning Committee on 6 Dec 2019 and adopted by BA on 31 Jan 2020.</p> <p>Jan-Mar 2020: Flood Risk SPD and responses to consultation considered by Planning Committee on 10 Jan. Amended SPD approved by BA for 2nd round consultation from 31 Jan to 6 March. Planning Committee 6 Mar recommended that BA adopt SPD following minor amendments.</p> <p>May 2020: Draft documents endorsed for consultation (under delegated powers in light of COVID-19 lockdown): Marketing and Viability SPD (Planning Committee 7 Feb & 6 Mar), Residential Moorings Guide (Planning Committee 6 March), consultation period for both documents 16 March to 5 June.</p> <p>July 2020: BA adopted amended SCI to reflect COVID-19 restrictions.</p>	24/07/2020

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				<p>25 Sept 2020: BA endorsed joint statement with Environment Agency on Strategic Flood Risk Assessments.</p> <p>Oct 2020: Draft Residential Moorings Guide and Peat Guide both out to public consultation.</p> <p>Mar 2021: Residential Moorings Guide went to Planning Committee (Feb) and due to go to BA (March) for adoption, but delayed to consider further comments from EA. Peat Guide went to Planning Committee (5 March) and on this agenda for adoption.</p> <p>Apr 2021: Peat Guide adopted at March Broads Authority. Marketing & Viability Guide being prepared for consultation. Residential Moorings Guide adoption delayed.</p> <p>July 2021: Residential Moorings Guide adopted and Marketing & Viability Guide agreed for consultation at July Broads Authority. Statement of Community Involvement may be updated in the next few months to reflect the start of the Local Plan review.</p>	
Responding to Climate Change Emergency	27/09/2019	John Packman	<p>To adopt Climate Change Emergency Statement for the Broads (first report Appendix 1) and principles outlined for BA to: Recognise climate emergency</p> <p>Work toward making the Broads Authority 'carbon neutral' by 2030, with further objective of reducing all carbon emissions to zero by 2040.</p> <p>Establish base line for CO2 emissions using a common methodology with NPAs and develop an Action Plan and Monitoring system</p> <p>Work with constituent local authorities to reduce emissions from domestic, travel and other sources in the Broads across the two counties.</p> <p>Work with farmers, land managers, NFU and Defra to influence land management practices, to maintain and build organic matter and carbon in soil, improve biodiversity and store water to protect against flooding and drought.</p>	<p>Sept 2019: Principles agreed - first in series of items dealing with climate change.</p> <p>22 Nov 2019: Presentation to BA from Asher Minns, Director of Tyndall Centre at UEA and update by CANAPE Project Manager/Carbon Reduction Projects Manager.</p> <p>10 Jan 2020: Planning Committee report on planning policy response to climate change mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p>May 2020: Progress report to BA prepared on Climate Change Action Plan for Broads Authority and Broads Area. Deferred to BA meeting in July due to COVID-19 situation.</p> <p>July 2020: Report on agenda on Climate Change Action Plan - agreed to set target of 1.5 degree compliant emissions curve for Broads executive area, in line with Tyndall Centre recommendations, and use as basis for public engagement and working with partners.</p> <p>Sept 2020: National Parks England received data from BEIS on emissions from National Parks and the Broads. Work underway to better understand these figures, in particular around boating emissions listed as several times higher than previous estimates.</p> <p>Yare House electricity supply switched to Green Tariff. BA investigating capacity of its equipment to use higher percentages of biofuel. These measures will achieve targeted savings for this year.</p> <p>With South Downs NPA, BA working with Smallworld Consulting Ltd to deliver Consumption Baseline for Broads Area by March 2021. From data provided by this and BEIS data, BA will establish savings needed in each year to achieve carbon neutrality.</p> <p>12 Mar 2021: Facilitated presentation on climate change to the Norfolk Public Sector Leaders Board.</p> <p>August 2021: Trial of HVO Biofuel with the CME team has been successful. This can provide a low-carbon fuel source for our heavy equipment before electric/alternative fuelled equipment becomes available, and make a substantial reduction in the BA Carbon Footprint.</p> <p>Ongoing work with Smallworld Consulting Ltd to calculate a consumption based Climate Footprint for the Broads Executive Area, in line with the National Parks Family. This will inform our high level targets for Climate Mitigation.</p> <p>We have carried out a survey of boat owners in the Broads to get a better understanding of usage habits and fuel consumption, and to gather views on green boating.</p> <p>We have successfully received funding to carry out a partnership project (led by Ren Energy Ltd) to deliver a feasibility study into an electrified broads network.</p>	

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			Work with boating and tourism organisations to continue promoting and developing environmentally friendly boating and sustainable tourism ; and Aspire to offsetting carbon emissions locally within the Broads by a Broads offsetting scheme.		
Visitor Services Review (Exempt)	22/11/2019	Rob Leigh	To continue to examine the short-term options presented and test different small-scale options if possible, and to defer considering a business case and site analysis for a Visitor and Education Centre.	<p>Nov 2019: Acle Bridge site included in strategic approach to visitor services in Visitor Services Review (exempt report) to BA on 22 Nov. In line with BA decision, current visitor services development focusing on sites other than Acle Bridge, e.g. Forum in Norwich.</p> <p>Mar 2020: Negotiations with Norwich City Council continuing positively. Aiming for launch of new facility in Norwich Forum in April. BA committed financial support from existing visitor centre budgets towards staff presence and refurbishment works. Good progress made for visitor centre presence at Lowestoft rail station, aiming to be in place in April and funded from existing visitor centre budgets.</p> <p>May 2020: Plans on hold due to COVID-19 situation.</p> <p>July 2020: Plans for refurbishment of new combined Norwich / Broads/ Jarrold visitor centre at Norwich Forum on hold until close of season 2020; likely to be in done in time for 2021 season. May be possible to have Broads presence within visitor centre from late July 2021; awaiting update from Norwich City Council on reopening plans.</p> <p>Lowestoft Rail Station Broads National Park signs and Suffolk Wildlife Trust Carlton Marshes visitor centre display on hold due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Existing TICs at How Hill and Hoveton reopened on 4 July. Boat trips expected to be running again by end of July.</p> <p>Sept 2020: Ra trip boat awaiting repair to control unit, which has delayed trips restarting. Visitor centres: Norwich City Council trialling reopening Norwich Forum with reduced capacity; working towards refurbishment for 2021 season but uncertainty due to C-19 and Jarrolds reorganisation. Broads National Park display completed at Lowestoft train station TIC (run by Community Rail Partnership). Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Carlton Marshes - agreed to install Broads National Park displays before official opening Spring 2021 (soft opening Autumn 2020).</p> <p>Jan 2021: Ranworth TIC to reopen April 2021 as Broads National Park information centre with Liana boat trip running from staithe. Ra will move to Hoveton.</p> <p>Investigating possibility of installing Broads National Park display on outside area of Norwich Forum from Summer 2021 to Spring 2022. Project would be funded by Intereg EXPERIENCE project. Work progressing with Norfolk County Council to secure funding and procure exhibition specialist. Discussions ongoing regarding on inside space of Forum information centre.</p> <p>April 2021: Ranworth TIC reopened.</p>	31/03/2021
Response to the COVID-19 emergency	25/06/2020	John Packman	That the Authority supports the approach for hire boat charges in 2020/21 outlined in the report	<p>July 2020: Chief Executive gave verbal update at 24 July BA meeting. Hire boat operators informed of arrangements agreed by BA on 1 July 2020. Survey of hire boat operators carried out on impacts of Covid-19 on their businesses.</p>	03/09/2020

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and the financial position of the Broads Authority and local businesses			<p>following consultation with the Navigation Committee on 11 June 2020.</p> <p>To authorise the Chief Executive to negotiate and sign a Change Control Notice to the Authority's Funding Agreement with Defra on the lines set out in paragraph 2.2. of the report, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Authority and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Navigation Committee, and subsequent circulation of the document to members for comment.</p>	<p>3 Sept 2020: Update to Navigation Committee on BA financial position and hire boat operators survey results; NC endorsed recommendations to BA as in report on today's agenda.</p> <p>Nov 2020: Second hire boat operators survey carried out. Member briefing on tolls 5 Oct. Update report to Navigation Committee 22 Oct and recommendations in report to BA on today's agenda.</p> <p>Jan 2021: BA Management Team and Sections Heads continuing weekly COVID Management Group meetings to review Government guidance and financial position and prepare briefing for members, staff and volunteers. Finance report on today's BA agenda outlines latest financial information.</p> <p>Mar 2021: BA provided verbal update at BA meeting on 19 March, including recruitment of new Rangers and completion of nine animated safety videos.</p> <p>April 2021: Initial training of Rangers completed. Animated videos circulated and received positive reviews.</p> <p>November 2021: Animated videos have received 45,000 views. They will be reviewed over the winter.</p>	
Nature for Climate Peatlands Discovery Grant	23/07/2021	Andrea Kelly	To submit a partnership application to the Nature for Climate Discovery Grant. Scheme launched on 7 July with a closing date for applications of 1 September 2021.	<p>July 2021: Members agreed to submit an application, at the Broads Authority meeting on 23 July 2021, with the Authority as the lead partner.</p> <p>Aug 2021: Bid submitted, for around £800k project across 13 sites and with 7 partner organisations. Natural England report that they will announce successful projects in mid-November 2021.</p> <p>Oct 2021: Responses to 12 clarification questions submitted. Initial preparation on recruitment and procurement.</p>	01/09/2021
Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL)	23/07/2021	Marie-Pierre Tighe	To deliver the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) programme.	<p>24 August 2021: First meeting of the Local Assessment Panel (called the Broads and Norfolk Coast Land Management Board), in collaboration with Norfolk Coast AONB. Ten applications were approved: five from the Broads (about 62% of the allocation), and 5 from the AONB (about 69% of the allocation).</p> <p>22 October 2021: Another two Local Assessment Panels (on 30 September and 8 November) to approve additional projects. Some work on-going to reallocate some of the administrative and advice project towards the project pot. The website will publish the summary of the successful projects. Farming in Protected Landscapes. The catchment and farming officer joined the Authority on 21 October.</p>	

Date of report: 27 October 2021