

# Broads Authority

22 November 2019

Agenda item number 7

## Summary of Progress

Report by Administrative Officer

Title	Meeting date	Lead officer	Summary of actions	Progress so far	Target date
Transfer of Mutford Lock	26/01/2018	John Packman	Responsible Officer: Chief Executive The two Harbour Revision Orders are submitted and the tripartite agreement noted in the report be completed in all respects, to give effect to completing the transfer of the Lock in the Navigation Area and the ownership to the Broads Authority.	The two Harbour Revision Orders were published for a 42 day public consultation on 3 August 2018. No objections have been raised under either order. The MMO is progressing the HROs. It was anticipated that these would be determined by the end of July 2019. Final determination still awaited.	31/07/2019
Pilot agri-environment scheme for the Broads	16/03/2018	Andrea Kelly	Responsible Officer: Head of Strategic Services/Senior Ecologist Contents of submission to Defra for pilot agri-environment scheme for the Broads,	The Broads has been registered for a test/trial of evolving elements of the new agri-environment scheme. Defra has allocated a Project Officer.	

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			<p>which builds on the partnership work with the National Farmers Union and local land managers and prepared with assistance of local conservation NGOs welcomed and noted.</p>	<p>Detailed planning of work packages is being finalised for submission and sign off by Defra. Working Group set up with first meeting scheduled to take place on 8 October 2019. First workshop with farmers and landowners held on 13 November 2019.</p>	
Acle Bridge	28/09/2018	John Packman	<p>Chief Executive delegated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to continue discussions with the neighbouring landowner over the possibility of purchasing additional land at the Acle Bridge site;</li> <li>• to continue discussions with Great Yarmouth Borough Council for the acquisition of the toilet block;</li> <li>• to proceed with the essential repairs to the moorings at the Acle Bridge site subject to the views of the Navigation Committee;</li> <li>• to investigate whether the development of a Visitor and Education Centre could form an</li> </ul>	Item on the Agenda – 25 Visitor Services Review	31/01/2020

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			<p>important element in a wider more ambitious project to improve the infrastructure for Broads tourism and raise awareness of the special qualities of the area in future; and in the context of reviewing the Sustainable Tourism Strategy;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to consider with members options for a wider project to enhance tourism in the Broads.</li> </ul>		
National Parks Review: Response	28/09/2018	John Packman	<p>The Chairs' Group together with the Chief Executive consider and 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. The deadline response submission 18 December 2018 . Chairs' Group to meet meeting again on 5 December 2018 to finalise the response and consider the points raised. Members were encouraged to submit any comments they wished to make individually to that group.</p>	<p>The Landscapes Review was published on 21 September 2019. <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/833726/landscapes-review-final-report.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/833726/landscapes-review-final-report.pdf</a> Awaiting Government response to the review. Report planned to go to meeting in January 2020</p>	31/01/2020

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Collaboration with Norfolk County Council	01/02/2019	John Packman	<p>The Authority supports Norfolk County Council's aspiration for a single management structure for the Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Wash, and North Norfolk Coast Natura 2000.</p> <p>The areas of co-operation with Norfolk County Council and the progress that is being made is noted.</p> <p>Officers to explore the possibility of more formal yet flexible platforms for future collaboration with Norfolk County Council focussing on procurement, bidding for external funding and staffing arrangements. (eg: A Memorandum of Understanding)</p> <p>Project proposal to be submitted to Norfolk County Council to be a partner in the EU Interreg programme Experience.</p> <p>This 3 year project involves taking forward the recent Discover England project to French and US markets and extending National Park branding. The draft budget is c £270,000 for over 3 years with a match</p>	<p>Collaborative Work with Norfolk County Council on going.</p> <p>Site visit to Norfolk Coast in association with Norfolk Coast Partnership on 4 July 2019.</p> <p>Project proposal for BA to be a partner in the Interreg EXPERIENCE project was successful. Kick-off meeting is expected in December 2019.</p> <p>BA is involved in the development of Norfolk &amp; Suffolk Environment Plan, which is led jointly by Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils. UEA is developing an asset inventory with a set of indicators. The aim is to communicate the outcome of the work in spring 2020.</p>	31/05/2020

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			funding contribution from the Authority of £75,013.		
UK National Parks Charity Foundation	01/02/2019	John Packman	To authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Authority's Chair, to submit formal application to apply for membership and take all such incidental and consequential steps as are reasonably necessary to implement this decision, including entering into any agreements and signing any legal documentation to give effect to this decision. To delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Authority's Chair, the taking of any decisions on behalf of the Authority in the running of UK National Parks Charity Foundation, including nomination or seconding of Trustees and bringing back regular reports to the Authority as necessary.	The Broads Authority's nominee, Sir Peter Dixon, has been appointed as one of five Trustees for the new charity. They are in the process of setting up a bank account.	
Hosting National Parks' Communications Unit	22/03/2019	Rob Leigh	Authority hosting the UK National Parks' Communications Service on the basis set out in the report and Appendix 1 of the report approved.	Broads Authority hosted the National Parks Heads of Communication Officers meeting on 1 - 3 October 2019.	

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				<p>Communications Strategy is drafted following interviews with all CEO's and in consultation with the Heads of Comms group. This will be presented to the English CEO and Chairs groups for approval in November.</p> <p>Internal roll out of National Parks branding / messaging launched.</p> <p>Broads Authority Staff briefed at Staff Development Day, Oct 16.</p> <p>Members to be briefed on 22 November 2019.</p>	
<p>Permissive footpath at Reedham: Recommendation from Broads Local Access Forum</p>	<p>26/07/2019</p>	<p>Rob Rogers</p>	<p>To instruct Broads Authority officers to continue discussions with Norfolk County Council, Reedham Parish Council and the landowner to find a collaborative solution to the missing permissive footpath link at Reedham.</p>	<p>Further discussions with Reedham Parish Council have revealed that a great deal of progress has been made on this permissive footway. The Parish Council and the landowner have had continuing dialogue and many of the issues preventing this permissive footway being reinstated have been resolved. Reedham PC hope to have the footway repaired and open within</p>	<p>22/11/2019</p>

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				the 2019/20 financial year.	
External Funding	26/07/2019	John Packman	<p>The proposed principles and key areas of work for external funding agreed as set out in report, to be developed by officers for further discussion with members to include the immediate next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruit a replacement Waterways and Recreation Officer with external funding bid writing experience;</li> <li>• Continue to work with Broads Charitable Trust to align priorities;</li> <li>• Through the Broads Charitable Trust, submit bids for funding to charities already identified as having the potential to support the Water Mills and Marshes programme;</li> <li>• Explore with Norfolk County Council opportunities for further joint submissions for external funding;</li> <li>• And continue discussions with the Norfolk Coast Partnership on potential areas for joint working and collaboration, including external fund raising.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lewis Treloar appointed as Waterways and Recreation Officer from September 2019</li> <li>• Discussions with the Broads Charitable Trust on-going.</li> <li>• See above – collaboration with the County Council continuing.</li> <li>• Director of Strategic Services attending Partnership meetings.</li> </ul>	22/11/2019

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Weavers Way footpath on the River Chet	26/07/2019	Rob Rogers	Weavers Way footpath by the River Chet included in the priorities for the new Waterways and Recreation Officer. Discussions with Norfolk County Council taking place.	The new Waterways & Recreation Officer has started with the Authority (2 Sept 2019) and is undertaking his induction training. He has a priority list of areas to deal with and this footway is on that list. Further updates will follow once progress has been made.	27/09/2019
Draft Planning Documents for Consultation	27/09/2019	Natalie Beal	Draft Marketing and Viability Supplementary Planning Document approved for public consultation - response and further report to be considered by Planning Committee, potentially in workshop format. Draft Flood Risk SPD and Draft Statement of Community Involvement SCI approved for public consultation.	All documents submitted for public consultation between 30 September and 22 November 2019.	31/01/2020
Extinguishment of public rights of way	27/09/2019	Cally Smith	To approve the preparation of the Public Extinguishment Orders for the PROWS which have been diverted under the Broads Flood Alleviation Project (BFAP).	In October 2019, the Head of Planning discussed the first bundle of 5 sections of PROWs for which diverted footpaths all have Dedication Agreements in place. The Waterways and Recreation Officer is	31/05/2021



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				supporting the work.	
Water Resources East	27/09/2019	Marie-Pierre Tighe	Broads Authority to join the Water Resources East (WRE) Water Resources Board at a cost of £15,000 for 2019/20 to support the work and connect initiatives in the catchment to the wider Eastern Region. The funds to come from National Park Reserves. BA to review membership in September 2020.	<p>WRE Directors' Board meeting attended by Director of Strategic Services on 8 October 2019, where she got appointed as Board member. On the agenda: board and governance matters, appointments, technical programme, engagement. The next meeting is 14 January 2020. The overall aim is to agree a Water Management Plan by December 2021.</p> <p>WRE Strategic Advisory Group attended by Director of Strategic Services and Catchment Officer on 15 October 2019, which was an opportunity to engage with a wide range of stakeholders.</p> <p>WRE was added on the BA partnership register in October 2019.</p>	30/09/2020

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Responding to Climate Change Emergency	27/09/2019	John Packman	<p>To adopt the Climate Change Emergency Statement for the Broads included as Appendix 1 of the First Report and the principles outlined.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition of climate emergency</li> <li>• to work toward making the Broads Authority 'carbon neutral' by 2030, with further objective of reducing all carbon emissions to zero by 2040.</li> <li>• Establish base line for CO2 emissions using a common methodology with NPAs and develops an Action Plan and Monitoring system</li> <li>• Work with constituent local authorities to reduce emissions from domestic, travel and other sources in the Broads across the two counties</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p>Principles agreed in September, first in a series of items dealing with climate change.</p> <p>Update provided in the agenda for 22 November 2019.</p>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• work with boating and tourism organisations to continue promoting and developing environmentally friendly boating and sustainable tourism ; and</li> <li>• aspires to offsetting carbon emissions locally within the Broads by a Broads offsetting scheme.</li> </ul>		

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