

Chief Executive's Report

Summary: This report summarises the current position in respect of a number of important projects and events, including any decisions taken during the recent cycle of committee meetings.

1. BA Follow up: 24 November 2017

Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: Sandra Beckett/None

1.1. Proposed Navigation Charges for 2018/19 in the Navigation Area and Adjacent Waters

Whilst examining the proposed navigation charges for 2018/19, the Authority gave careful consideration to the views and recommendations of this Committee. The Authority fully supported the views of the Committee and agreed to raise the charges in the Navigation Area and Adjacent Waters for 2018-19 by 3% across the board, in line with the current rate of inflation (CPI), as set out for the main categories in Table 8 of the report to the Authority, using the additional funding to purchase the new equipment for bankside tree and scrub management and additional safety signs. It was also agreed that in light of the successful two year trial, the Authority stops printing adhesive toll plaques permanently, other than for short visit tolls.

The Authority noted that dispensing with the display of toll plaques for annual tolls had enabled a quicker turn round for processing tolls and freeing up staff-time for monitoring. This together with the Phone App for Rangers for toll and boat safety compliance being checked had proved invaluable. It had also enabled the Authority to review the staffing arrangements and instead of employing 2 full time staff and two seasonal members of staff, the Authority is able to employ three full time staff which will ensure continuity of skill set and provide a small financial saving as well allow staff to deal with matters out of season which it has otherwise been unable to tackle.

[Report-to-Broads-Authority-on-Navigation-Charges](#)

1.2. Strategic Direction

As part of the regular updates on the Authority's strategic priorities, Members were provided with presentations on the Water, Mills and Marshes, landscape partnership project, which had been successful in its bid for HLF funding (£2.44 million) for the total £3.96 million over the five years of the project; an update on the £5.5 million CANAPE project as well as progress on the Authority's communications and social

media interaction. Members expressed delight at the securement of funds for such ambitious and exciting projects and were fully aware of the impact this would have on the Authority's resources. However, they recognised that they would be significant in carrying out its strategic priorities and delivering the Broads Plan as well as having undefinable and possibly unforeseen benefits.

1.3. Financial Performance and Direction

In addition to the regular updates on the Authority's finances the Chief Financial Officer provided Members with a presentation on the considerations for the Authority's budget for 2018/19 and the Draft Financial Strategy for 2018/19 – 2020/21. The Authority will be considering next year's budget at its January meeting.

1.4. Engagement with Key Stakeholders and the Role of the Broads Forum

As a result of some of the recommendations from the Peer Review, as well as a decline in traditional forms of communication and the growth of electronic means of doing so it is considered opportune to review the way in which the Authority engages with its stakeholders. As a means of starting this process, a discussion was initiated with the Broads Forum on 2 November and the various points raised were provided in a report to the Broads Authority for initial discussion. The views expressed and the matter of engagement will be part of the discussions to be held at the Authority's Member Away Day on 30 January 2018.

[Engagement-with-key-stakeholders](#)

2. Navigation Patrolling and Performance Targets

Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: Lucy Burchnall/4.3

The report of the significant use of powers by the rangers is displayed in Appendix 1. Figures for the Hardley Launch are low for October due to this launch being used to cover the Breydon area while the Spirit of Breydon had work undertaken. During this time the lower Yare area was covered by the Norwich launch and also by road where possible. The range of duties undertaken by the ranger team is set out in Appendix 2. Average navigation/countryside splits are still higher on the navigation side however with the planned work now starting on the countryside sites this figure is now moving in line with the target of 60:40.

The report detailing the cases dealt with at Magistrates Court are shown in Appendix 3. These are the first of the results through for this season's offences with more currently being processed by both tolls and the ranger team.

3. Sunken and Abandoned Vessel Update

Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: Lucy Burchnall/4.3

As shown in Appendix 4, of the two sunken vessels remaining, one is being dealt with by the Oulton Broad Harbour Master and the other is the responsibility of the landowner but does not pose a navigation or pollution threat.

4 Planning Applications with Navigation Implications: Thorpe River Green, Thorpe St Andrews – Change of use to mixed used moorings

The Planning Committee on 10 November 2017 granted planning permission for Thorpe Town Council's application to divide the mooring provision at Thorpe River Green into different use zones for commercial, short stay and private lease. The views of the Navigation committee were taken into account. The various uses of the moorings were considered acceptable and, the activity was not considered to have an adverse effect on either the navigation of this stretch of the river or the character of the Conservation Area. Permission was granted subject to conditions that there should be no residential moorings, stern on mooring or double mooring.

5 Planning Enforcement Update

Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: Cally Smith/None

No matters currently under action which have a waterways element.

Background papers:	None
Author:	Sandra Beckett/Sarah Mullarney
Date of report:	December 2017
Broads Plan Objectives:	Multiple
Appendices:	APPENDIX 1 - Rangers Exercise of Powers Analysis APPENDIX 2 - Ranger Duties APPENDIX 3 - Report of prosecutions dealt with in court during April 2017 to August 2017 APPENDIX 4 - Sunken and Abandoned Vessels

APPENDIX 1

Rangers Exercise of Powers Analysis <i>(Bracketed figures are running totals, April 2017 to March 2018)</i>							Date: OCTOBER 2017	
	Wroxham Launch	Irstead Launch	Ludham Launch	Ludham 2 Launch	Norwich Launch	Hardley Launch	B.St.Peter Launch	Breydon Launch
Launch Patrol Areas	Wroxham and Upper Bure	Ant	Hickling, P.Heigham, Upper Thurne & Womack	Lower Thurne, Lower Bure & South Walsham	Norwich and Upper Yare	Reedham, Chet & Middle Yare	Oulton Broad and Upper/Middle Waveney	Breydon Water, Lower Waveney and Yare
Verbal Warnings								
Care & Caution	5 (103)	1 (67)	6 (90)	(142)	(1)		3 (23)	(20)
Speed	75 (2708)	106 (977)	49 (573)	(521)	14 (96)	4 (134)	2 (234)	(125)
Other	4 (49)	3 (62)	(22)	(68)	6 (7)	1 (9)	(30)	(7)
Blue Book Warnings								
Care & Caution	(10)	2 (5)	(4)	(2)			(1)	(10)
Speed	2 (92)	(23)	(8)	(10)	1 (4)	(4)	2 (10)	(4)
Other	(19)	2 (9)	1 (4)	(7)	(2)	(12)	2 (5)	(4)
Special Directions	9 (72)	41 (98)				(17)	(258)	
Launch Staffed (by Ranger)								
Launch Staffed (by Ranger)	27 (202)	18 (122)	28 (155)	9 (121)	22 (120)	8 (77)	19 (145)	31 (214)
Best Value Patrol Targets Percentage Compliance	100% (100%)	100% (100%)	100% (100%)	100% (100%)	100% (96%)	26% (89%)	87% (97%)	66% (91%)
Volunteer Patrols	2 (6)	8 (16)	1 (7)	(1)	(22)	(9)	(10)	
IRIS Reports	3 (106)	5 (41)	(32)	(25)	1 (53)	2 (53)	1 (26)	11 (72)
Broads Control Total Calls	TOTAL 3,458 (26,771)			Telephone 2,876 (21,690)		VHF 582 (5,081)		

APPENDIX 2

Total Time Allocated/Actual Ranger Team

Up to 13 November 2017

Broads Authority Corporate	Work Area	Annual Allocation	Actual Days To Date
Corporate Time	Training	137	85.73
	Broads Control	39	47.50
	Team meetings / work planning	461	276.89
	Partnership working	66	22.15
	Assisting other sections	94	28.89
	Annual Leave		265.98
	Off Work Sick		92.70
	Time in Lieu		24.83
Premises Maintenance	Billets and boatsheds	19	18.61
Vessel & Equipment Maintenance	Launch - General		4.80
	Trailers - General		0.81
	Vehicle Maintenance		7.50
	Other equipment repair		16.76
Total		816	893.15

Navigation	Work Area	Annual Allocation	Actual Days To Date
Navigation Maintenance	Patrolling	1356	1151.61
	Escorts	28	18.78
	Prosecution files	0	26.45
	Bankside tree management	81	26.62
	Obstruction removal	29	18.07
	Channel markers & buoys	35	2.84
	Signs & boards maintenance	78	12.80
	Adjacent Waters		52.29
Mooring Maintenance	Reactive mooring maintenance	129	12.47
Total		1736	1321.94

Actual Percentage	77%
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Conservation, Rec, C'side	Work Area	Annual Allocation	Actual Days To Date
Conservation	Fen management	14	2.94
	Lake / Riverbank restoration	36	0.95
	Invasive Species Control	33	2.06
	Other conservation work	158	23.28
	Pollution Response		4.93
Recreation/Countryside Maintenance	Visitor Site maintenance	143	189.05
	Whitlingham Country Park	294	145.36
Public engagement	Public footpath work	11	3.24
	Education work	10	17.03
Total		699	388.83

Actual Percentage	23%
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Team total	3251	2603.92
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Report of prosecutions dealt with in court during April 2017 to August 2017			
Defendant	Offence	Court	Result
Mr Sheales	Non Payment of Tolls	Great Yarmouth Magistrates	Fined £220 Costs awarded £150 Victim surcharge £30 Compensation £115.65
Mr Bennett	Non Payment of Tolls	Norwich Magistrates	Fined £150 Costs awarded £150 Victim surcharge £30 Compensation £167.05
Mr Eady	Non Payment of Tolls	Norwich Magistrates	Fined £100 Costs awarded £100 Victim surcharge £30 Compensation £218.45
Mr Willis	Non Payment of Tolls No Registration Certificate	Great Yarmouth Magistrates	Fined £200 Costs awarded £150 Compensation £257.83
Mr Gordon	Non Payment of Tolls	Great Yarmouth Magistrates	Compensation £247.20
Mr Walker	Withdrawn		Toll and legal costs of £90 paid
Mr Richardson	Non Payment of Tolls	Norwich Magistrates	Fined £220 Costs awarded £150 Compensation £346.95
Mr Starling	Non Payment of Tolls	Norwich Magistrates	Fined £220 Costs awarded £150 Compensation £526.85

Sunken and Abandoned Vessels

Description	Location found	Action	Notice Affixed	Result
Sunken Cruiser	River Yare Old River Thorpe.	Vessel sunk at owners moorings	No	Not affecting the navigation owner will raise in due course
Sunken Cruiser	Oulton Broad	Harbour Master liaising with owner	No	Area Ranger team monitoring
Sunken Cruiser	Beccles	Ranger team investigated, not hazard or pollution threat. Owner aware	No	Vessel removed by owner