

# Broadland Futures Initiative

## Minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2020

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## Attendees

Marie-Pierre Tighe (Chair) - Broads Authority, Emma Dixon -IDB, Kellie Fisher - Environment Agency, Mark Johnson - Environment Agency, Andy Millar - Natural England, Matthew Philpot- IDB, Gavin Rumsey - Environment Agency, Rob Wise - National Farmers Union, Kylie Moos - Broads Authority (Minutes).

## 1. Apologies for absence and welcome

Apologies received from Peter Doktor, Philip Pearson, Rob Goodliffe and Simon Curl.

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

## 2. Update on consultant work

Kellie Fisher (KF) gave a summary of progress with Jacobs as of the end of September 2020.

Product	Progress
1/1 The origins of the plan area	100%
1/2 The sources and nature of flood risk within the plan area	100%
1/3 Hydraulic models for the plan area (modelling review)	100%
1/3 Hydraulic models for the plan area (Inception report)	90%
1/4 Coastal processes within the plan area	95%
1/5 Current approaches to flood risk management within the plan area	100%
1/5B Partnership funding challenge	85%
1/6 The influence of flood risk management within the plan area	100%
1/6B Natural capital assessment	95%
1/7 Strategic plans and documents relating to the plan area	100%
1/8 Existing key data sources and indicators for the plan area	10%
1/9 The impact of climate change within the plan area	85%
1/11 Objectives for the plan (potential objectives for EMF)	10%
1/12 The methodology for options appraisal and preferred option selection	0%
1/13 SEA scoping report	10%
1/14 Virtual stakeholder engagement event space	0%
1/15 Long list of strategic flood risk management techniques (TBC)	-
1/16 Videos on hydraulic modelling and dredging	10%

Product 3 has been shared with Initiative Project Team (IPT) for feedback. Feedback for Product 9 from IPT members is due by 26<sup>th</sup> October.

KF noted that the Covid-19 related delay in face to face engagement has not delayed technical products and they are still on target.

### 3. Update on Communications and Community Engagement

Gavin Rumsey (GR) noted that, at the last IPT meeting, some face to face engagement was drafted for Spring 2021, but this date is no longer appropriate due to the evolution of the pandemic. Face to face events that were due to happen simultaneously to the virtual consultation will be replaced by different virtual tools.

We are looking at additional techniques to communicate with community members and stakeholders to use alongside the virtual exhibition, such as planned Q&A's, presentations and 1-1 telephone or online interview's with various representatives of community groups. A note will be created by GR to explore this additional supportive engagement approaches and shared with the IPT. GR acknowledged the cancellation of face to face events is a decision taken out of our hands but one which we can and will adapt to. Wider communication of cancelled face to face events to be shared in December newsletter.

Completed products are due to be uploaded to the BFI website in coming weeks, providing content for users ahead of the virtual exhibition in the New Year. GR requested that, once details of the virtual exhibition are live in December, all partners to use any resources and networks available within their communications team to promote the event.

Nick Patrick from New Heritage Solutions has been in contact looking to partner with the BFI for an arts and heritage project focusing on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1953 floods. GR has requested Nick Patrick presents at the next IPT meeting.

Mark Johnson (MJ) noted that at a recent RFCC meeting Coastal Partnership East discussed their upcoming virtual engagement for the SMP policy review. This could be a potential opportunity for the BFI share best practices and learn from each other regarding virtual engagement.

### 4. Elected Members Forum

MPT noted that the briefing pack still references face to face meetings in early 2021, it was agreed to update the engagement content to reflect the changes discussed in today's meeting. Subject to the updated wording on engagement, the briefing pack, Terms of Reference and cover letter have been approved by the IPT and are ready to send to potential elected members.

MJ suggested that a deadline for responding should be included in the letter to allow enough time to follow up any non-responses.

MPT and Kylie Moos (KM) agreed to contact local authorities before the December IPT meeting.

A meeting in early 2021 will take place with Elected Members to begin building baseline knowledge of the BFI.

## 5. Innovative Resilience Programme

KF presented an introduction to the Innovative Resilience Fund to the IPT.

### Programme Aim

To support the households, communities and businesses in 25 areas affected by flooding or coastal change now, and in the future, to adapt to a changing climate by improving their resilience to flooding and/or response to coastal change.

### Resilience

The EA defines resilience as:

“The capacity of people and places to plan for, better protect, respond to and recover from flooding and coastal change.”

### The Programme

The prospectus is not yet available, however KF presented a taster of the programme:

- Funding will vary but on average it will be about £6m per project.
- The programme will run for 6 years from 1 April 2021 and end on 31 March 2027.
- Projects must be led by a single LLFA (Lead Local Flood Authority) or CPA (Coast Protection Authority)

### Selection Process

- The application process will start with a simple and short expression of interest form.
- The LFFAs and CPAs will have 8 weeks to work together with partners to develop their expressions of interest, which will be assessed through a quantitative and qualitative process coordinated by the Environment Agency.

### The Capital Programme

- The fund is designed to support and complement delivery of the capital programme by providing funds to undertake activities which may not be usually funded.
- The fund cannot be used as partnership funding to make an FCRM GiA (Flood and Coastal Risk Management Grant in Aid) bid.

### What can't the fund be used for?

1. Construction of new conventional community flood/erosion defences. This includes formal engineered structures.

2. Compensation for households or property owners impacted by flooding and coastal change.
3. Activities which are required by statute

MPT noted that if an idea for a project is expressed in the Broadland area, but more partners are needed for the project, the IPT can be approached to identify potential partners.

## 6. AOB

MJ advised that EA will continue revenue funding post 2021 for maintenance activities on the Broads.

## 7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Broadland Future Initiative is 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am via video conference.

## Summary of progress

<b>Outstanding actions</b>	<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Assigned to</b>
IPT members to provide written feedback Product 9 by 26 <sup>th</sup> October.	19/10/2020	ALL
Circulate Elected Forum Member briefing packs with local authorities before the December IPT meeting.	19/10/2020	MPT/KM
GR to circulate New Heritage Solutions Potential Partner prospectus with finalised minutes to IPT	19/10/2020	GR