

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. It does not include matters which are already on the agenda for this meeting. Members are asked to note the report.

- 1 **BA Follow up: From 24 March 2017**
Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: Sandra Beckett/None

- 1.1 **Appointment to the Navigation Committee**
Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: David Harris

At its meeting on 24 March 2017, the Authority appointed Mr Simon Sparrow to the Navigation Committee on the recommendation of the interview panel. Interviews of the 4 short listed candidates approved by the Navigation Committee at its meeting on 23 February, took place on 1 March 2017. The panel made their selection of Mr Sparrow after considered discussions, based on the consensus view of the whole panel.

- 1.2 **Broads Plan 2017 Adoption**
Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: Andrea Long/

The Broads Plan 2017 was formally adopted by Members at the Broads Authority meeting on 24th March. This followed two years of work by the Broad Authority and its partners including two rounds of full public consultation. The Plan is supported by Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment. The Plan provides the strategic vision for the Broads over the next 5 years and identified the key priorities and projects that will be delivered in the Broads over the period up to 2022. All comments received as a consequence of the consultation exercises have been assessed and appropriate changes were made to the Plan. The Plan will be formally launched in May 2017 and updates on progress will be reported to Broads Authority meetings in May and November each year. The plan covers all areas of work in the Broads and is split into 8 key themes:

- Managing water resources and flood risk
- Sustaining landscapes for biodiversity and agriculture
- Maintaining and enhancing the navigation
- Conserving landscape character and the historic environment
- Building 'climate smart' communities

- Offering distinctive recreational experiences
- Raising awareness and understanding
- Connecting and inspiring people

There is a brief introductory section providing the context and background for each theme and the key projects and areas of work including, delivery partners and targets are identified for each.

1.3 **Education and Volunteer Strategies**

Contact Officers/Broads Plan Objectives: Maria Conti/Nick Sanderson/Beth Williams (Section H of the New Plan)

The Authority also adopted the Education and Volunteer Strategies for 2017 – 2022 both of which are in conformity with the Broads Plan and its high level strategic direction as well as having strong links with the project themes in the Broads Landscape Partnership Scheme, Water Mills and Marshes.

[Broads-education-and-volunteer-strategies](#)

1.4 **Landscape Partnership Scheme**

Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objectives: Will Burchnall/ Multiple

As Members are aware, one of the key strategic priorities for this year is the Landscape Partnership Project: Water Mills and Marshes. The Project Manager for the Landscape Partnership Scheme provided the Authority with an interesting presentation on the progress in preparing the development phase of the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) bid for the project to be submitted in May 2017. A decision on the proposed implementation phase will be due in October and if successful the delivery phase will commence in January 2018 with completion in December 2022. Specific reference was made to the excellent data, analysis and interpretive material provided by the innovative scanning device particularly for the Mills project as well as the work on the Landscape Character Assessment. Officers were in the process of obtaining final confirmation including financial commitments from those partners already signed up for the 38 projects and £4.5 million programme.

The Authority fully endorsed the excellent progress being made and supported the submission to the HLF. Details of various supporting documents may be found on the Authority's website.

[Summary-HLFBid](#)

[Access-report](#)

[Heritage-skills-and-training-report](#)

[Learning-Interpretation-Audience-Development-Report](#)

1.5 New Flood Risk Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)
Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: Natalie Beal (Section E of New Plan)

Another document adopted by the Authority at its meeting on 24 March 2017 was the new Supplementary Planning Document relating to flood risk. This replaces the SPD produced in 2008, seeks to clarify and expand on Policy DM29 of the adopted Development Management Policies Development Plan Document. It is designed to increase awareness of the nature of flood risk in the Broads area, give advice to developers and others about the Authority's approach to the issue of development and flood risk and to stress the need to maintain a high standard of design in new waterside development. The SPD has been produced in association with the Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authorities and was the subject of consultation in November to December 2016.

All of these documents may be viewed on the Authority's website.

[FloodRiskSPD](#)

1.6 Peer Review
Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: John Packman/multiple

On 24 March 2017, the Authority agreed to undertake a Peer Review of its governance arrangements following discussions at the previous Authority meeting on 27 January 2017 and detailed consideration by the Financial Scrutiny and Audit Committee in February 2017. On its recommendations, the Authority agreed that the review will be designed to be in line with the National Park Authority Peer Assessments (NPAPA) process to meet the specific needs of the Broads Authority, of which the Authority had been subject to in 2005 and 2011. On this occasion, the process will be administered by the Local Government Association. The outline arrangements of the Peer Review team, the scope and terms of reference as well as approach and output have been accepted by the LGA. The Peer Review team will be comprised of representatives from external bodies that understand the Broads Authority and English National Parks to include:

Member peers

- (i) A county or district councillor who is also a member of an English National Park Authority;
- (ii) A Member of an English National Park Authority appointed by the Secretary of State

Officer peers

- (iii) A Chief Executive of a local authority with part of his/her area within an English National Park
- (iv) A Chief Executive of an English National Park Authority who will

lead the team

Independent peer

(v) One of the Authority's independent persons

Members recognised that it would have considerable resource implications for staff and therefore would have implications for work programmes. However, it was considered that it was important in identifying areas for improvement, resetting certain standards and perceptions as well as the relationship with Local Authorities and help consolidate the views and roles of all Members.

Further details are available under the Authority's Committee papers on the website.

[PeerReview](#)

Background papers:	None
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Broads Plan Objectives:	Multiple
Appendices:	None