

Broads Authority

24 July 2026

Agenda item number 21

Committee membership and member appointments 2026/27

Report by Head of Governance

Purpose

To seek approval for Broads Authority member appointments to committees and other bodies for the 2026/27 year.

Recommended decision

That appointments to the Navigation Committee; Planning Committee; Risk, Audit & Governance Committee; Standards Committee; and the Broads Local Access Forum be made in accordance with Table 1 and to outside bodies as set out in Table 2.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Members are appointed to committees and outside bodies for the forthcoming year at the Broads Authority's annual meeting in July. We welcome Gary Champion as the member from Norwich City Council, Tom Daly as the member from East Suffolk Council, and Morgan Brobyn as the member from Suffolk County Council. At the time of writing the report, we await the appointment of two members by Norfolk County Council.
- 1.2. At its meeting on [15 May 2026](#), the Authority appointed Peter Dixon and Alan Goodchild to the Authority's Board.
- 1.3. In accordance with the agreed procedure, members were invited to express their preferences, in advance of the annual meeting, for the committees and outside bodies on which they would like to serve. These preferences were reviewed by the Chairs' Group, taking into consideration the need for an appropriate balance of local authority and Secretary of State appointees, and enough members, on each committee and outside body, and to minimise the potential for conflicts of interest.

2. Appointments to committees

- 2.1. Table 1 sets out the proposed member appointments to the Authority's committees in 2026/27 following the requests by individual members. Depending on the outcome of

the appointment of the Authority's Chair, some of these recommendations may need to be reviewed at the meeting.

Table 1

Recommended member appointments to committees – 2026/27

Committee	Members
Navigation Committee 5 BA members and 8 co-opted members	BA members Harry Blathwayt Stephen Bolt Tony Grayling Heather Hilburn Leslie Mogford Co-opted members Sue Cadamy Mark Collins Peter Dixon Alan Goodchild Bob Neate Remus Sawyerr Paul Thomas Daniel Thwaites
Planning Committee At least 11 BA members	Harry Blathwayt Stephen Bolt Morgan Brobyn Gary Champion Tom Daly Tony Grayling James Harvey Martyn Hooton Tim Jickells Leslie Mogford Matt Shardlow <i>2 Local Authority Member vacancies to be confirmed</i>

Committee	Members
Risk, Audit and Governance Committee At least 6 BA members, to include Chairs of BA and Navigation Committee	Chair of Broads Authority Chair of Navigation Committee (Alan Goodchild) Tony Grayling Gail Harris Tristram Hilborn Curig Johnston Sian Limpenny Tim Munday Matthew Shardlow
Standards Committee 7 members (Chair of the Authority ineligible)	Stephen Bolt Gary Champion Gail Harris Peter Dixon Tim Jickells Tim Munday <i>1 x Local Authority Vacancy to be appointed</i>
Broads Local Access Forum 2 BA members	Harry Blathwayt Peter Dixon

3. Appointments to outside bodies

- 3.1. Table 2 sets out the proposals for the member appointments to outside bodies for 2026/27. Please see the separate report (agenda item 22) regarding appointments to Whitlingham Charitable Trust.
- 3.2. Members are recommended to read the [Guidance for Authority members appointed to outside bodies](#) on how best to manage potential conflicts of interest when appointed to an outside body.
- 3.3. Members are also reminded of the decision made by the Authority at its meeting on [30 April 2021](#), when it was agreed that the most appropriate way for members to report on their activities of the outside bodies to which they had been appointed was to submit a brief written report, once or twice a year and this would be included on the next Authority agenda. In addition to the report, it is expected that significant issues would be reported as and when they arise.

Table 2 Recommended appointments to outside bodies – 2026/27

Outside body	Appointments
Broadland Futures Initiative Elected Members Forum	Matthew Shardlow Substitute – Tony Grayling

Outside body	Appointments
How Hill Trust	Tim Jickells
Upper Thurne Working Group	Harry Blathwayt Stephen Bolt
Whitlingham Charitable Trust	Matthew Bradbury Tracey Brown David Diggins Vacancy (to be confirmed under agenda item 22)

4. Other appointments

- 4.1. The Authority's Chair represents the organisation at meetings with the National Park Authorities.
- 4.2. The Authority has a lead member for safety in line with the issue's critical importance and the requirements of the Port Marine Facilities Safety Code. The Chair of the Navigation Committee fulfils this role.
- 4.3. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee share the specific responsibilities as member appointees to: Greater Norwich Development Partnership; Norfolk Duty to Cooperate - Member Forum; Norfolk Strategic Framework; Suffolk Planning Member Board; and Green Infrastructure and Recreational Impact Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (GiRAMS).

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Background papers: none

[Broads Plan](#) strategic objectives: n/a