

Broads Authority

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Agenda item number 17

Member appointments to committees and other bodies

Report by Chief Executive

Summary

The report seeks approval for Broads Authority member appointments to committees and other bodies until the Annual Meeting in July 2020.

Recommendation

That the following Broads Authority member appointments are confirmed for the period until the Annual Meeting in July 2020:

- i. to Planning Committee, Audit and Risk Committee, Hearings Committee, Navigation Committee and Broads Local Access Forum (Table 1)
 - ii. to outside bodies (Table 2)
 - iii. to the Tolls Reference Group (Table 3)
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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The appointment of members to committees and outside bodies for the forthcoming year is reviewed formally at the Broads Authority's Annual Meeting every July. This year there are six new local authority appointments to the Authority and Vic Thomson, who was a South Norfolk appointee, is now appointed by Norfolk County

Council. We are awaiting Defra’s confirmation of our new Secretary of State appointments, and will give an update at this meeting. The co-opted members of the Navigation Committee on to the Authority are Nicky Talbot and Simon Sparrow.

- 1.2. Following our Peer Review in 2017-18, members agreed to adopt a revised process for appointments. Members are now invited to express their preferred interests in serving on committees and outside bodies two weeks before the Annual Meeting. This year we emailed all members on 13 June requesting their preferences by 28 June, and the Chairs’ Group met on 8 July to review the responses. Their recommendations in this report are based on the expressed interests, and on the need to provide a proportionate balance and a sufficient number of members on each committee and outside body.
- 1.3. One of the Chairs’ Group’s main considerations was to ensure continuity and not make substantial changes. This was thought particularly important for the Navigation Committee and, of the four new members appointed to the Committee in April, three were re-appointed members and one was previously a Secretary of State appointee to the Authority.

2. Appointments to committees

- 2.1. Table 1 sets out the recommendations of the Chairs’ Group for member appointments to the Authority’s committees.

Table 1
Recommended appointments to committees

Committee	Members
Planning Committee minimum 11 BA members	Harry Blathwayt Julie Brociek-Coulton Jacquie Burgess - to March 2020 Bill Dickson Andree Gee Lana Hempsall Bruce Keith James Knight Leslie Mogford Vic Thomson Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro Fran Whymark + 2 new Secretary of State appointees
Audit and Risk Committee Six BA members to include Chairs of	Chair of Broads Authority Nicky Talbot - Chair of Navigation Committee Louis Baugh - to March 2020

Committee	Members
Broads Authority and Navigation Committee	Lana Hemsall Greg Munford Fran Whymark + 1 new Secretary of State appointee - from March 2020
Navigation Committee Five BA members in addition to eight co-opted members	BA members Kelvin Allen Harry Blathwayt Matthew Bradbury Leslie Mogford Greg Munford Co-opted members John Ash Linda Aspland Mike Barnes Andy Hamilton Simon Sparrow Nicky Talbot Paul Thomas Alan Thomson
Broads Local Access Forum Two BA members	Kelvin Allen Julie Brociek-Coulton
Hearings Committee (Chair of Audit and Risk Committee plus pool of six BA members)	Bill Dickson Bruce Keith Greg Munford Simon Roberts Nicky Talbot Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro

3. Appointments to outside bodies

- 3.1. The Authority appoints Trustees to the How Hill Trust, Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Charitable Trust, and Whitlingham Charitable Trust. The Authority also appoints members to Broads Tourism and to the Upper Thurne Working Group to maintain a watching brief.
- 3.2. Table 2 sets out the recommendations of the Chairs' Group for member appointments to outside bodies.

Table 2

Recommended appointments to outside bodies

Outside bodies	Recommended appointments
How Hill Trust	Jacque Burgess
Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Charitable Trust	Bruce Keith, Simon Roberts
Whitlingham Charitable Trust	On hold
Broads Tourism	Simon Sparrow
Upper Thurne Working Group	To be agreed

- 3.3. The Authority has member representation on the National Parks UK and National Parks England. This role is covered by the Authority's Chair.
- 3.4. The Authority has a lead member for safety in line with the issue's critical importance and the requirements of the Port Marine Safety Code. Nicky Talbot, Chair of the Navigation Committee, fulfils this role and it is recommended that this appointment be retained.
- 3.5. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee share the specific responsibilities as member appointees to the Greater Norwich Development Partnership, Norfolk Duty to Cooperate - Member Forum and Norfolk Strategic Framework.
- 3.6. The Planning Committee appoints the Heritage Asset Review Group from its own membership to advise on cultural heritage, including historic buildings and Conservation Areas. The group meets twice a year or as required. Membership automatically includes the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee. Other Members of the Authority are welcome to attend.

4. Appointments to Tolls Reference Group

- 4.1. The Authority appoints reference groups when particular issues arise. One of these is the Tolls Reference Group, whose role is to review the tolls structure and produce recommendations for the Authority's committees.
- 4.2. At the Broads Authority meeting on 22 November 2018 it was agreed that the Group should assess the performance of the tolls system both in the past year and since the new system was introduced in 2017/18. The Group will meet before the next Navigation Committee in October and the setting of next year's tolls at the Broads Authority meeting in November.
- 4.3. The Group's membership includes the Chairs of the Broads Authority and the Navigation Committee and at least two other members, one of whom is not a

navigator, along with representatives from the hire boat industry, private boating and sailing community, and angling community.

- 4.4. Table 3 sets out the recommendations of the Chairs' Group for member appointments to the Tolls Reference Group.

Table 3

Recommended appointments to Tolls Reference Group

Representative	Recommended appointments
Chair of Broads Authority	(awaited)
Chair of Navigation Committee	Nicky Talbot
Broads Authority members	Bill Dickson, Simon Sparrow, Fran Whymark
Broads Authority member – not a navigator	Louis Baugh
Angling community	Kelvin Allen
Hire boat industry	James Knight
Private boating and sailing community	Jacque Burgess

5. Financial implications

- 5.1. There will be some additional financial costs associated with increased membership of the Planning Committee.

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