

## **Chief Executive's Report and Current Issues**

<p><b>Purpose:</b> The purpose of this report is to brief the Committee on significant matters relating to the maintenance and management of the waterways and to provide an opportunity for members of the Committee to raise any such issues.</p>
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### **1. Appointment of Two Co-opted Members to the Broads Authority**

- 1.1 At the 17 May 2019 Broads Authority meeting members appointed Nicky Talbot and Simon Sparrow as members of the Broads Authority until 22 May 2020.

### **2. Local Plan for the Broads**

- 2.1 Members formally adopted the Broads Local Plan at its meeting on 17 May 2019. This is now the development plan for the Broads and supersedes the Core Strategy (2007), the Development Management DPD (2011), and the Sites Specifics Local Plan as well as the saved policy from the 1997 Local Plan. It will be used to determine planning applications in the area and can be found on the Broads Authority website: [Local Plan for the Broads](#)

### **3. Appointment of Monitoring Officer**

- 3.1 At the 17 May 2019 Broads Authority meeting members endorsed the appointment of Steven Bell as the Authority's Monitoring Officer. This followed consultation with the Chair of the Authority and the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee.

### **4. Purchasing Electric Vans**

- 4.1 The Authority purchased a Renault Zoe electric car last year which to date has been very popular with staff and reliable. Officers are now examining the options for the Authority's vans. In the context of rising public concern about the impacts of climate change officers recommend the purchase of electric powered vans rather than diesel or petrol powered vehicles as a viable option. There are a number on sale which have a sufficient range to make them appropriate for servicing the needs of the Broads Authority. The initial capital cost of purchase for an electric commercial vehicle is higher than for the equivalent petrol or diesel model and there will be some costs, part of which is recoverable by way of Government Grant, towards installing charging points. However, there is a strong argument to support such a purchase if the organisation is to continue to lead by example on environmental matters.

There are sufficient funds in the Vehicle Replacement Reserve (in Plant Vessels and Equipment Reserve) for the purchase of the two vans currently being considered. The forward plan for vehicle replacement and the level of contribution into the reserve will need reviewing to take electric vehicles into account.

## **5. Navigation Patrolling and Performance Targets**

Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: Lucy Burchnall/4.3

- 5.1 The report of the significant use of powers by the rangers is displayed in Appendix 1 and reflects the busy period. The Ranger Team is now using a mobile tracking app to record patrolling achieved against their targets (best value points). Appendix 2 shows the average navigation/countryside splits for three months are higher on the navigation side as would be expected during the summer when patrolling is a priority.
- 5.2 Appendix 3 sets out the report of prosecutions since the last meeting.

## **6. Sunken and Abandoned Vessel Update**

Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: Lucy Burchnall/4.3

- 6.1 The sunken and abandoned update is contained in Appendix 4. Four vessels have been removed since the last report and a further four are planned for removal when the dredging kit is available in the area to help with this.

## **7. Planning Enforcement Update**

Contact Officer: Cally Smith/None

- 7.1 There are no further enforcement matters with navigation implications to report.

Background papers:	None
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Date of report:	
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 March to May 2019 APPENDIX 4 - Sunken and Abandoned Vessels

**APPENDIX 1**

Rangers Exercise of Powers Analysis						Date:	APRIL 2019 - MAY 2019		
	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	Norwich and Upper Yare	Reedham, Chet & Middle Yare	Oulton Broad and Upper/Middle Waveney	Breydon Water, Lower Waveney and Yare	
<b>Patrol area checkpoints achieved (See Fig. 1 for details)</b>									
Percentage targets achieved	100%	100%	81%	81%	100%	100%	67%	99%	
<b>Verbal Warnings</b>									
Care & Caution	7	7	8		4				
Speed	291	117	95	29	14	29	29		
Other	7	16	12						
<b>Blue Book warnings</b>									
Care & Caution				1	2			1	
Speed	1	1			1	2			
Other		5	2		4	6	1		
Special Directions	18		83			7	12		
<b>Launch Staffed (by Ranger)</b>									
Launch Staffed (by Ranger)	52	47	58	34	47	50	46	61	
Volunteer Patrols		1					1		
IRIS Reports	5	12	6	5	6	7	3	11	
Broads Control Total Calls	TOTAL			6,555	Telephone	5,027	VHF	1,528	

Total Time Allocated/Actual Ranger Team

UP TO 20 MAY 2019

Broads Authority Corporate	Work Area	Annual Allocation	Actual Days To Date
Corporate Time	Training	134	26.72
	Broads Control	362	53.92
	Team meetings / work planning	377	58.28
	Partnership working	76	7.67
	Assisting other sections	76	7.47
Premises Maintenance	Billets and boatsheds	25	0.34
Vessel & Equipment Maintenance	Launch - General		1.22
	Trailers - General		0.00
	Vehicle Maintenance		0.81
	Other equipment repair		1.22
<b>Total</b>		1050	157.64

Navigation	Work Area	Annual Allocation	Actual Days To Date
Navigation Maintenance	Patrolling	1299	269.12
	Escorts	51	14.73
	Prosecution files	0	4.39
	Bankside tree management	66	2.23
	Obstruction removal	28	1.35
	Channel markers & buoys	41	2.64
	Signs & boards maintenance	70	1.82
	Adjacent Waters	107	25.64
Mooring Maintenance	Reactive mooring maintenance	121	4.26
<b>Total</b>		1783	326.18

Actual Percentage	80%
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Conservation, Rec, C'side	Work Area	Annual Allocation	Actual Days To Date
Conservation	Fen management	140	3.78
	Lake / Riverbank restoration	90	1.15
	Invasive Species Control	20	0.00
	Other conservation work	217	6.89
	Pollution Response		0.27
Recreation/Countryside Maintenance	Visitor Site maintenance	214	34.43
	Whitlingham Country Park	282	33.72
	Public footpath work	14	1.22
Public engagement	Education work	28	2.16
<b>Total</b>		1005	83.61

Actual Percentage	20%
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<b>Team total</b>	3838	567.43
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**Report of prosecutions dealt with in court during March to May 2019**

**Navigation Offences**

4 Offences, 2 of speeding on the Wensum and 2 for care and caution. The Magistrates found the defendant guilty on all four offences. Fines were imposed to the navigation offences £300 each with no separate penalty imposed against the 2 speeding offences. Full costs of £686.26 were ordered and a £30 victim surcharge applied.

## Sunken and Abandoned Vessels Current Position as at May 2019

Description	Location found	Action	Notice Affixed	Result
Motor Cruiser	River Yare Old River Thorpe.	Vessel sunk at owners moorings	No	Not affecting the navigation
Motor Cruiser	Deal Ground, Yare	Vessel sunk	No	Marked with yellow posts. Liaising with owner.
Motor Cruiser	Oulton Broad	Harbour Master unable to trace owner, Broads Authority will be lifting when equipment is in the area summer 2019	No	
Motor Cruiser	Somerleyton	Vessel sunk at mooring. Marked. Broads Authority to raise and look to claim costs back from owner	No	Vessel removed
Yacht	Geldeston	Broads Authority to raise in liaison with owner	No	Liaising with owner
Motor cruiser	Geldeston	As above	No	Liaising with owner
Yacht	Rockland	BA to raise and remove June 2019	Yes	
Aux Yacht	Dockyard	Abandoned vessel notice expired. To be removed from navigation	Yes	Vessel removed
Motor Cruiser	Sutton/Stalham cut	Liaising with owner, not in the navigation	No	
Motor Cruiser	Trowse, Yare	Vessel sunk, marked as a hazard, Broads Authority raised vessel April 2019	No	Vessel removed
Motor Cruiser	Surlingham, Yare	Vessel sunk, chasing owners to remove	No	Vessel removed