

Broads Authority

28 January 2022
Agenda item number 7

Summary of actions and outstanding issues following decisions at previous meetings

Title	Meeting date	Lead officer	Summary of actions	Progress so far	Target date
National Parks Review: Response	28/09/2018	John Packman	That the Chairs' Group, together with the Chief Executive, provide a robust response for submission to the Review Team based on the eight areas required of the team and guidance from Members as indicated. Deadline response submission 18 December 2018. Chairs Group to meet 5 Dec 2018 to finalise response and consider points raised. Members also able to submit individual responses.	<p>Sept 2019: Landscapes Review Final Report published 21 Sept. Awaiting Government response to review. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/833726/landscapes-review-final-report.pdf</p> <p>Nov 2019/Jan 2020: Members received preliminary paper for discussion. Report on 31 Jan highlighted Review's 27 proposals and asked Members to consider BA priorities for more detailed discussion. Agreed to focus on where BA already taking action in line with Broads Plan, and where resources allow.</p> <p>Mar 2020: Issues for future discussion: Climate change and carbon capture; Biodiversity and future of agriculture; Promoting wider participation with National Parks on health and wellbeing benefits; Explore Proposal 21 Welcoming new landscaping approaches in cities and the coast - e.g. Norwich City as a National Park City.</p> <p>May 2020: Report and presentation on climate change to be given at BA meeting 24 July 2020.</p> <p>Oct 2020: Awaiting Government response on Landscape Review.</p> <p>Nov 2020: Defra's publication of The Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution (publishing.service.gov.uk), which includes this headline "New national parks and greater protections for England's iconic landscapes to improve access to nature and better protect the country's rich wildlife and biodiversity".</p> <p>April 2021: Awaiting Government response on Landscapes Review.</p> <p>June 2021: Written Ministerial Statement issued on 24 June Written statements - Written questions, answers and statements - UK Parliament, and response from National Park England Landscapes review - government response: National Parks England</p> <p>January 2022: Landscapes review (National Parks and AONBs): government response - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) published on 15 January 2022. Consultation period of 12 weeks. Member workshop to be arranged.</p>	24/07/2020
Wherryman's Way footpath on River Chet	26/07/2019	Rob Rogers	Wherryman's Way footpath by River Chet included in priority actions for new Waterways and Recreation Officer. Discussions ongoing with Norfolk County Council.	<p>Work to be split into 2 phases over winter 2020 and 2021. Plan is to concentrate efforts in first year on Loddon FP4, Langley with Hardley FP9 and Loddon FP5.</p> <p>NCC to repair two bridges at Loddon FP4 by Sept 2020.</p> <p>Environmental officers to complete minor tree/shrub clearance by Oct 2020.</p> <p>BA operations team to dredge Chet for 3 months from Oct 2020 and dispose of material on sections of footpaths mentioned. They will return 6 months later to rebuild paths with new material. Similar work to continue in 2021 to restore rest of footpaths at eastern end of Hardley Flood.</p>	31/12/2021

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				<p>May 2020: Project now part of a much larger programme of works in partnership with Norfolk County Council and CIL application; to include new circular routes, bank stabilisation, signs and infrastructure, and access for all resurfacing works. Programme improvements across entire Wherryman's Way beginning 2021.</p> <p>Oct 2020: Funding application submitted Aug, been through first round approval and decision to be made in Dec.</p> <p>Dec 2020: Application unsuccessful. Reframing bid with Norfolk CC colleagues to submit in a future funding round.</p> <p>Apr 2021: BA to dredge River Chet and place sediment onto footpath winter 2021/2022. Arrangement made with Norfolk CC to return up to 18 months later to reshape footpath once sediment has dried.</p> <p>Jun 2021: BA partnering up with NCC for CIL application to carry out additional works here and at Surlingham and Bramerton.</p> <p>July 2021: The CIL bid has been submitted (end of July 2021) with responses for successful bids expected in Nov 2021. Dredging in the River Chet is programmed for October 21 with material being deposited onto the footway to help build up the path. The CIL money (if successful) will be used to restore bridges and stabilise the banks at weak points.</p>	
Draft planning documents for consultation	27/09/2019	Natalie Beal	Processes for consultation on Draft Marketing and Viability SPD and Residential Moorings Guide, and adoption of Flood Risk SPD and Statement of Community Involvement.	<p>Sept 2019: Documents submitted for first stage public consultation from 30 Sept to 22 Nov.</p> <p>Jan 2020: Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and responses to consultation considered by Planning Committee on 6 Dec 2019 and adopted by BA on 31 Jan 2020.</p> <p>Jan-Mar 2020: Flood Risk SPD and responses to consultation considered by Planning Committee on 10 Jan. Amended SPD approved by BA for 2nd round consultation from 31 Jan to 6 March. Planning Committee 6 Mar recommended that BA adopt SPD following minor amendments.</p> <p>May 2020: Draft documents endorsed for consultation (under delegated powers in light of COVID-19 lockdown): Marketing and Viability SPD (Planning Committee 7 Feb & 6 Mar), Residential Moorings Guide (Planning Committee 6 March), consultation period for both documents 16 March to 5 June.</p> <p>July 2020: BA adopted amended SCI to reflect COVID-19 restrictions.</p> <p>25 Sept 2020: BA endorsed joint statement with Environment Agency on Strategic Flood Risk Assessments.</p> <p>Oct 2020: Draft Residential Moorings Guide and Peat Guide both out to public consultation.</p> <p>Mar 2021: Residential Moorings Guide went to Planning Committee (Feb) and due to go to BA (March) for adoption, but delayed to consider further comments from EA. Peat Guide went to Planning Committee (5 March) and on this agenda for adoption.</p> <p>Apr 2021: Peat Guide adopted at March Broads Authority. Marketing & Viability Guide being prepared for consultation. Residential Moorings Guide adoption delayed.</p> <p>July 2021: Residential Moorings Guide adopted and Marketing & Viability Guide agreed for consultation at July Broads Authority. Statement of Community Involvement may be updated in the next few months to reflect the start of the Local Plan review.</p> <p>Nov 2021: Marketing & Viability Guide adopted at November Broads Authority, as recommended by Planning Committee.</p> <p>Dec 2021: Statement of Community Involvement adopted by Planning Committee.</p> <p>Jan 2022: Completed</p>	24/07/2020
Responding to Climate Change Emergency	27/09/2019	John Packman	To adopt Climate Change Emergency Statement for the Broads (first report	<p>Sept 2019: Principles agreed - first in series of items dealing with climate change.</p> <p>22 Nov 2019: Presentation to BA from Asher Minns, Director of Tyndall Centre at UEA and update by CANAPE Project Manager/Carbon Reduction Projects Manager.</p> <p>10 Jan 2020: Planning Committee report on planning policy response to climate change mitigation and adaptation.</p>	

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			<p>Appendix 1) and principles outlined for BA to: Recognise climate emergency Work toward making the Broads Authority 'carbon neutral' by 2030, with further objective of reducing all carbon emissions to zero by 2040. Establish base line for CO2 emissions using a common methodology with NPAs and develop an Action Plan and Monitoring system Work with constituent local authorities to reduce emissions from domestic, travel and other sources in the Broads across the two counties. Work with farmers, land managers, NFU and Defra to influence land management practices, to maintain and build organic matter and carbon in soil, improve biodiversity and store water to protect against flooding and drought. Work with boating and tourism organisations to continue promoting and developing environmentally friendly boating and sustainable tourism ; and Aspire to offsetting carbon emissions locally within the Broads by a Broads offsetting scheme.</p>	<p>May 2020: Progress report to BA prepared on Climate Change Action Plan for Broads Authority and Broads Area. Deferred to BA meeting in July due to COVID-19 situation. July 2020: Report on agenda on Climate Change Action Plan - agreed to set target of 1.5 degree compliant emissions curve for Broads executive area, in line with Tyndall Centre recommendations, and use as basis for public engagement and working with partners. Sept 2020: National Parks England received data from BEIS on emissions from National Parks and the Broads. Work underway to better understand these figures, in particular around boating emissions listed as several times higher than previous estimates. Yare House electricity supply switched to Green Tariff. BA investigating capacity of its equipment to use higher percentages of biofuel. These measures will achieve targeted savings for this year. With South Downs NPA, BA working with Smallworld Consulting Ltd to deliver Consumption Baseline for Broads Area by March 2021. From data provided by this and BEIS data, BA will establish savings needed in each year to achieve carbon neutrality. 12 Mar 2021: Facilitated presentation on climate change to the Norfolk Public Sector Leaders Board. August 2021: Trial of HVO Biofuel with the CME team has been successful. This can provide a low-carbon fuel source for our heavy equipment before electric/alternative fuelled equipment becomes available, and make a substantial reduction in the BA Carbon Footprint. Ongoing work with Smallworld Consulting Ltd to calculate a consumption based Climate Footprint for the Broads Executive Area, in line with the National Parks Family. This will inform our high level targets for Climate Mitigation. We have carried out a survey of boat owners in the Broads to get a better understanding of usage habits and fuel consumption, and to gather views on green boating. We have successfully received funding to carry out a partnership project (led by Ren Energy Ltd) to deliver a feasibility study into an electrified broads network. 19 November 2021: Agreed, in principle, to support the National Parks' involvement as a hub in the "Count Us In" initiative and work with partners and others to promote the development of "Broads specific" actions, linked to the 16 "Count Us In" themes, to residents and visitors to help tackle climate change and biodiversity loss in the Broads in order to develop behaviour change messaging.</p>	

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Nature for Climate Peatlands Discovery Grant	23/07/2021	Andrea Kelly	To submit a partnership application to the Nature for Climate Discovery Grant. Scheme launched on 7 July with a closing date for applications of 1 September 2021.	<p>July 2021: Members agreed to submit an application, at the Broads Authority meeting on 23 July 2021, with the Authority as the lead partner.</p> <p>Aug 2021: Bid submitted, for around £800k project across 13 sites and with 7 partner organisations. Natural England report that they will announce successful projects in mid-November 2021.</p> <p>Oct 2021: Responses to 12 clarification questions submitted. Initial preparation on recruitment and procurement.</p> <p>Dec 2021: Awarded £800k grant on 24 Nov. Internal Board meeting weekly. Held partnership meeting on 26 Nov., including adoption of ToR, PA, Procurement and Schedule. First round of recruitment for PM unsuccessful. Re-advertising into January. Secondment for PO being advertised into January. Stage one small contracts let. Tender for seven work packages developed to advertise in early January. Framework Contracts being assessed. Paper for Jan 22 BA Committee prepared. Press release in EDP. £800,000 grant for project to restore peatland in the Broads Eastern Daily Press (edp24.co.uk). Webpage drafted. Agreement with Palladium and landowners being drafted.</p> <p>January 2022: Report on this agenda</p>	31/03/2023
Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL)	23/07/2021	Marie-Pierre Tighe	To deliver the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) programme.	<p>24 August 2021: First meeting of the Local Assessment Panel (called the Broads and Norfolk Coast Land Management Board), in collaboration with Norfolk Coast AONB. Ten applications were approved: five from the Broads (about 62% of the allocation), and 5 from the AONB (about 69% of the allocation).</p> <p>22 October 2021: Another two Local Assessment Panels (on 30 September and 8 November) to approve additional projects (12 approved, over 90% fund allocated). Some work on-going to reallocate some of the administrative and advice project towards the project pot. The website will publish the summary of the successful projects. Farming in Protected Landscapes (broads-authority.gov.uk) The catchment and farming officer joined the Authority on 21 October.</p> <p>17 December 2021: Additional Local Assessment Panel (on 14 December) with 3 new applications approved (two in the Broads and one in the AONB). These projects will be for Year 2 (start from April 2022). The Board thanked the team for the team's support since FiPL was announced this summer. Two farmer Board members presented successful FiPL projects at a national workshop of ~600 people. FiPL evaluation completed by members of the PL Team.</p>	

Date of report: 18 January 2022