

Navigation Committee

31 October 2019

Agenda item number 7

Chief Executive's report and current issues

Report by Chief Executive

Purpose

To brief the Committee on significant matters relating to the maintenance and management of the waterways, and to provide an opportunity for members to raise any such issues.

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1. Landscapes Review – final report

- 1.1. The Government has published the final report of the Glover Review of National Parks and AONBs ([Landscapes Review: National Parks and AONBs](#)). The report contains 27 broad proposals, some of which have far-reaching implications. The Broads Authority's members had an initial discussion about the report after their meeting in September and broadly welcomed the contents. We await with interest the Government's view and this may become clearer at a meeting with the Minister and the National Park Chairs and Chief Executives at the end of October.

2. Responding to the climate change emergency

- 2.1. At its meeting on 27 September, the Broads Authority considered a report on how to respond to the climate change emergency. The committee resolved to adopt the Climate Change Emergency Statement for the Broads at Appendix 1 of the report, adding an additional principle (vii).
- 2.2. The principles are that the Broads Authority:
- (i) Recognises a climate emergency and adopts the Statement in Appendix 1 of the report.
 - (ii) Pledges to work towards making the Broads Authority 'carbon neutral' by 2030, with a further objective of reducing all carbon emissions to zero by 2040.
 - (iii) Establishes a baseline for CO² emissions using a common methodology with the National Park Authorities and develops an Action Plan and monitoring system.
 - (iv) Works with its constituent local authorities to reduce emissions from domestic, travel and other sources in the Broads and across the two counties.
 - (v) Works with farmers, land managers, the National Farmers Union and Defra to influence land management practices, to maintain and build organic matter and carbon in soil, to improve biodiversity and store water to protect against flooding and drought.
 - (vi) Works with boating and tourism organisations to continue promoting and developing environmentally friendly boating and sustainable tourism.
 - (vii) Aspires to offsetting carbon emissions locally within the Broads via a Broads offsetting scheme.

3. Navigation patrolling and performance targets

- 3.1. The report of the significant use of powers by Rangers is at Appendix 1 and reflects the busy period. Appendix 2 shows that 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.

4. Sunken and abandoned vessel update

- 4.1. The sunken and abandoned update is in Appendix 3. We removed a number of vessels on the River Waveney while the dredging kit was in the area.

5. Planning enforcement update

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

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[Broads Plan](#) objectives: 3 and 4

Appendix 1 – Ranger exercise of powers analysis

Appendix 2 – Ranger duties: total time allocated and actual days

Appendix 3 – Sunken and abandoned vessels – position as at 18 October 2019

Appendix 1

Ranger exercise of powers analysis

Table 1

Verbal warnings	Wroxham launch Wroxham and upper Bure	Irstead launch Ant	Ludham launch Hickling, Potter Heigham, upper Thurne	Ludham launch 2 Lower Thurne and lower Bure	Norwich launch Norwich and upper Yare	Hardley Launch Reedham, Chet and middle Yare	Burgh St Peter launch Oulton Broad and upper/middle Waveney	Breydon launch Breydon water, lower Waveney and Yare
Care and caution	64	42	23	1	9	0	0	4
Speed	2440	758	598	88	77	113	170	62
Other	57	128	82		14	2	5	1

Table 2

Written warnings	Wroxham launch	Irstead launch	Ludham launch	Ludham launch 2	Norwich launch	Hardley Launch	Burgh St Peter launch	Breydon launch
Care and caution	8	1	1	1	2	0	0	2
Speed	39	9	17	5	2	3	0	4
Other	12	20	8	0	7	20	1	0
Special directions	218	1	120	1	6	65	302	17

Table 3

Launch patrols	Wroxham launch	Irstead launch	Ludham launch	Ludham launch 2	Norwich launch	Hardley Launch	Burgh St Peter launch	Breydon launch
Launch staffed by ranger	192	158	196	105	145	117	135	204
Volunteer patrols	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	0
IRIS reports	37	31	30	28	46	35	30	57

Table 4

Broads Control total calls

Contact method	Number of calls
Telephone	19,654
VHF	5,222
Total	24,876

Appendix 2

Ranger duties: total time allocated and actual days

Table 1

Broads Authority corporate duties

Work area	Annual allocation (days)	Actual days to date
Training	134	51.79
Broads Control	362	203.01
Team meetings, work planning	377	167.31
Partnership working	76	31.05
Assisting other sections	76	36.99
Billets and boatsheds	25	3.01
Launch – general	0	8.72
Trailers - general	0	0.47
Vehicle maintenance	0	2.30
Other equipment repair	0	7.03
Total	1050	830.42

Table 2

Navigation duties

Work area	Annual allocation (days)	Actual days to date
Patrolling	1299	1004.29
Escorts	51	39.46
Prosecution files	0	28.51
Bankside tree management	66	5.81
Obstruction removal	28	8.78
Channel markers and buoys	41	6.49
Signs and boards maintenance	70	12.80
Adjacent waters	107	74.19
Reactive mooring maintenance	121	15.10
Total	1783	1195.44

Table 3

Conservation, recreation, countryside maintenance

Work area	Annual allocation (days)	Actual days to date
Fen management	140	45
Lake, riverbank restoration	90	7.30
Invasive species control	20	4.12
Other conservation work	217	18.92
Pollution response	0	0.41
Visitor site maintenance	214	110.91
Whitlingham Country Park	282	150.34
Public footpath work	14	4.86
Education work	28	14.66
Total	1005	356.51

Team total up to 5 October 2019

Percentage Navigation: 77%

Percentage National Park: 23%

Appendix 3

Sunken and abandoned vessels - position as at 18 October 2019

Description	Location found	Action	Notice affixed	Result
Motor Cruiser	River Yare Old River Thorpe.	Vessel sunk at owner's 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	Removed	No	Removed
Yacht	Geldeston	BA to raise in liaison with owner	No	Removed
Motor cruiser	Geldeston	As above	No	Removed
Motor Cruiser	Sutton/Stalham cut	Liaising with owner, not in the navigation	No	Monitoring
Motor Cruiser	River Yare Old River, Thorpe	Assistance offered to owner	No	Monitoring, not affecting navigation