

Broads Authority

29 November 2024

Agenda item number 20

Review of Standing Orders for the regulation of Authority proceedings

Report by Senior Governance Officer

Purpose

To consider and agree revised Standing orders for the regulation of Authority proceedings.

Recommended decision

To adopt revised Standing orders for the regulation of Authority proceedings.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. At its meeting on 20 September, the Broads Authority received a [report](#) proposing revisions to the Authority's Standing Orders for the regulation of Authority proceedings ("Standing Orders").
- 1.2. In accordance with Standing Order 17, it was agreed that the proposed revisions stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Authority on 29 November.
- 1.3. At the September Authority meeting, Members were invited to contact the Senior Governance Officer with any suggestions or comments on the proposed revisions and I can confirm that none were received. No further changes have been made to the Standing Orders since those originally proposed.
- 1.4. The Risk, Audit & Governance Committee's role includes general oversight of the Authority's governance arrangements and so it was considered appropriate to refer the proposed revisions for review by that committee. Any comments made at the meeting on 27 November will be reported verbally at this Authority meeting.

2. Proposed revised Standing Orders

- 2.1. A copy of the proposed revisions was attached to the September Broads Authority report, together with a "clean" version of the new Standing Orders and can be accessed using this [link](#).
- 2.2. It is suggested that the revised Standing Orders come into effect from 1 January 2025.

3. Risk implications

- 3.1. The Authority and its decisions could be at risk of challenge, including judicial review, if its Standing Orders are not reviewed to ensure the conduct of Authority proceedings is in accordance with best practice and enables meetings to be conducted efficiently and effectively.

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