

Chief Executive's Report

Summary: This report summarises the current position in respect of a number of important projects and events, including any decisions taken during the recent cycle of committee meetings. It does not include matters which are already on the agenda for this meeting. Members are asked to note the report.

1 Key Issues of the Broads Authority 15 May 2015 and 10 July 2015

Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: John Packman/multiple

1.1 The Authority considered the following matters at its meeting on 15 May 2015 and 10 July 2015 and the Chief Executive will provide a verbal update.

- Membership
 - Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman – *Jacquie Burgess and Peter Dixon* respectively
 - Michael Whitaker and James Knight appointed as co-opted Members to the Broads Authority from the Navigation Committee until May 2016. Co-opted members to be for a period of one year.
 - Committee Membership and Appointments to outside bodies
 - A paper on Supporting and Developing the Role of Members resulting in a Programme to include a series of Workshops to improve understanding of strategic issues facing the Authority and an agreement to review the constitution of the Broads Local Access Forum to take account of the Stakeholder Surveys highlighting the importance of land based activity.
- Lake Review Research
- Breydon Water: Water Skiing and Wakeboarding Trial Findings
- Local List Adoption: Waterside Chalets
- Construction and Maintenance Output 2015/15 and Work Programme for 2015/16
- Statement of Accounts 2014/15
- Assessment of Parish Forums

2 Strategic Priorities

Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: Maria Conti/Multiple

2.1 Progress is being made on the five Strategic Priorities adopted for 2015/16. Details on the Hickling Broad Lake Restoration Project and Broads Plan 2011

Review are covered elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting. The proceedings from the Lake Review Workshop held on 17 April 2015 have been circulated to all participants and further details on the research are available from the Authority's website. [LakeReview](#)

- 2.2 The first round application for the Landscape Partnership Project was submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund on 27 May 2015 and a decision by HLF is anticipated in October 2015. If successful, this will allow the Authority to enter the development phase by the end of the year and a Stage two submission about 18 months later. Further information can be found from the Authority's website: <http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/looking-after/projects/water,-mills-and-marshes>
- 2.3 Although limited in number, this year's priorities involve major projects with significant resources that will extend beyond 2015/16. In addition to these priorities, the Authority will continue to work with partners and local communities to deliver other projects and routine operational works as resources allow.

3 A47 – Acle Straight

Contact Officer/Broads Plan Objective: Andrea Long/ None

- 3.1 Members will recall that eight schemes on the A47 made it into the National Road Improvement Strategy (RIS) for 2015-21 –and that these were:
- A47/A1 dualling
 - Improvements at Guyhirn
 - N Tuddenham to Easton Dualling
 - Thickthorn Junction Improvements
 - Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling
 - Acle Straight Safety Improvements
 - Improvements at Gt Yarmouth including Vauxhall Roundabout
 - Renumbering south of Gt Yarmouth – A12 becomes A47
- 3.2 As from 1 April – Highways Agency has become Highways England a private company owned by the Government.
- 3.3 Schemes for RIS 2 – which will be 2021-2026 (Development Stage) are already being thought of – Norfolk County Council have already stated that their priority for that period is full dualling of Acle Straight and Tilney to King's Lynn Dualling. Although there is as yet no certainty about what the funding for RIS 2 will be and the process to determine which schemes will go into that programme will not begin until later in the Autumn of 2015.
- 3.4 At a meeting of the A47 Alliance held at King's Lynn on 24 June 2015, Highways England confirmed that they are currently looking at options for some of the safety measures on the Acle Straight. They are looking in particular at Paddy's Loke, the Halvergate Junction and the west bound approach to the Acle

Roundabout. The Design Stage will be Autumn 2015 with implementation of the chosen safety option in February 2016. These could include signing, lining and potentially a right turn lane at the Halvergate Junction (dependent on whether the land would need to be acquired).

- 3.5 In addition work is underway on the Species Translocation project e.g the Lesser Whirlpool Ram's-horn Snail which is a European protected Species that lives in the dyke network adjacent to the Acle Straight. This trial will take place in Summer 2015 and monitoring work will take place between 2016-18 to understand the success of the trial. This trial has been mooted for some time but has previously not gone ahead due to lack of funding and the difficulty in gaining landowner consents.

Background papers:	None
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