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Subject: Outside Bodies – Committee Update

Report to: Environment Committee

Report by: Democratic Services Officer

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Committee :

1. Note the summary provided from members' updates.
2. That Committee make recommendation to Policy & Resources Committee with regard to any appointments which may no longer be required.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. In May 2021 Council considered and agreed a report in respect of a review of Outside Bodies, this set out the way in which members who are appointed to outside bodies would report back to the Council on the activity of those organisations. The purpose of those reports is twofold – it is intended to provide the Council with an awareness and understanding of the current activity of the outside body and to understand how this aligns with the Council's corporate priorities; accordingly, this provides information for the Council to review (at Policy & Resources Committee) whether the appointment should continue

2. Reporting Summary

- 2.1. The members appointed to various Outside Bodies whose work is relevant to this Committee have provided an update on the past year's activity and this is summarised in the table below.

Outside Body	Member representatives	Meeting details and attendance	Key points of interest / issues raised	Financial contributions / other benefits made by the council	Next Steps - eg, review future participation, continue attendance	Notes / additional narrative
Broadland Futures Initiative Elected Members Forum	Carpenter (P) Bensly (sub)	The Forum meets at least once a year and up to three times a year, dependent on progress, decisions and guidance required. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairperson if required.	To discuss issues which impact on the Borough, with particular reference to Flood Risk Management systems, which require a rigorous evidence base.	None	Positive alliance with particular reference to the impact of extreme weather conditions.	
Broads Authority	Mogford	Monthly	The Norfolk Broads attract a great number of visitors each year, many visit the Borough by holiday hire boat arriving from the Rivers Bure, Yare and Waveney. A considerable number of these visitors stop and moor at the yacht station for 24 hours or more bringing a considerable potential economic benefit to the Borough. We own the yacht Station and its approaches and lease	None	It is most important we continue our involvement with the BA who have a considerable influence on our Planning Policies and through indirect actions bring many visitors to our Borough.	

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			the river bank to the BA. It's the most neglected part of the Borough and does nothing to improve the visitors experience.			
Broads Internal Drainage Board	Bird Fairhead Freeman Galer Lawn Mogford	The Board meets four times a year.	Maintenance of all Pumping Station's , Clearance of Dykes - Culverts etc to help avoid Flooding, plus Environmental issues such as Floating Pennywort in Rivers – Barn Owl monitoring – Mink Control . In Norfolk -Water Vole Mitigation , Plus working with Natural England -Water Life Recovery – RSPB in creating a wetland area on Halvergate Marshes for Bird Life this work is ongoing	Levies \ Rates	This Board has contact with GYBCs Development Control department offering advice on new Housing Developments	
Coastal Partnership East	Bensly P Carpenter	Meetings have been held virtually and a further two 'in person'.	Shoreline management Plans/ Local Plans/ Coast & Estuary Plans. The partnership ambition	information pending	It is critical for member representation on CPE as our every	

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			<p>over the next three years with six key themes.</p> <p>Hemsby, public consultation undertaken from May -June 2021 GYBC commissioned Jacobs, leading engineering and coastal specialists, coastal change and develop a number of proposals for rock berms at Hemsby with various lengths. CPE have undertaken community engagement with residents and business of Hemsby</p>		increasing rising sea, coastal change will without doubt affect our communities along our own coastline.	
Local Government Association - Coastal Issues	Bensly					verbal update
Norfolk Coast Partnership (Joint Advisory Panel)	Bensly	Two meetings have occurred during this period: 06.2021 (Present); 12.2021 (Present),	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norfolk Coast Biodiversity Audit • Farming in Protected Landscapes • Small grant fund. 	GYBC contribute £953 pa to the NCP	The role of the Norfolk Coast Partnership is to manage the Norfolk Coast Area of	verbal update

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		with a third expected 30.03.2022 where Cllr Bensly will be present.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark skies (incl festival). • ENDURE (Ensuring Dune Resilience). • Managing seal visitors • Green Recovery Challenge Fund project Norfolk Coast Resilience • 2019-24 AONB Management Plan. This Management Plan has been removed pending revision following Partnership feedback. Please refer to the 2014-19 AONB Management Plan whilst these issues are resolved. • Partnership Review. To ensure continued reflection of the priorities of the funding partners as well as aligning with new policy and guidance such as the Environment Bill and 		Outstanding Natural Beauty on behalf of the four local authorities who share responsibility for it: Norfolk County Council, North Norfolk District Council, Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk, and Great Yarmouth Borough Council. The Partnership fulfils these councils' statutory duty under the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act to conserve and enhance its natural beauty	

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			government recommendations following the Glover Review, the Partnership Core Management group requested a review of the Norfolk Coast Partnership function and purpose. Recommendations will be discussed at the next CMG in March 2022.			
Norfolk Elected Members Climate Change Partnership Board	Wells					verbal update
Norfolk Waste Partnership	Cameron					item deferred
Waveney, Lower Yare and Lothingland Internal Drainage Board	Annison Cameron Fairhead	The organisation met three times last year.	Monitoring Pumping Stations and clearing Dyk's – Culverts etc to enable free flowing water this IDB has recently come under the umbrella of the Water Management Alliance Consortium in the last 2		This IDB now comes under the WMA Consortium and benefits from advice on Environmental issues ie clean water – carbon foot print – pest control issues	

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			years This IDB covers an important area around the industrial areas and more recently in the construction of the 3rd River Crossing making sure no Dyk's Culverts have been buried and cause flooding , the IDB also plays a bit part of monitoring Salt Levels to prevent salt from the Harbour entering fresh water from the rivers and broads which will kill Fish and wild life that live in fresh water			
Water Resources East (WRE) Ltd	Carpenter (P) Bensly (sub)	Meetings regularly attended.	Norfolk Water Strategy Programme – to secure good quality long term water resources for all water users, while protecting the environment and showcasing the county as an international	None	To attend to increase knowledge and to enable information gathering.	

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			exemplar for collaborative water management. The programme seeks to demonstrate how cross sector integrated water management caction can deliver multiple benefits and help achieve the county's net zero targets			

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