

# Norfolk Local Access Forum

Item No.

<b>Report title:</b>	<b>National Trails in Norfolk - annual review</b>
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>18 July 2018</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Steve Miller, Assistant Director, Culture and Heritage</b>
<b>Strategic impact:</b> Delivery of the National Trail in Norfolk to agreed Natural England KPI's to ensure continued funding for the National Trail.	

## Executive summary

### Recommendations:

- **Members of the Local Access Forum to note the annual report.**
- **Members of the Local access forum to note the activities of the National Trail Partnership.**

## 1. Proposal

- 1.1. The annual report (see Appendix 1) has been presented to the National Trail partnership and has been agreed at that forum. This is an opportunity for the National Trail Partnership to show the work that has been undertaken on the National Trail to the Local Access Forum.

## 2. Evidence

- 2.1. The report has been based on activity undertaken during the year so highlights the delivery and achievements of the National Trail.

The report highlights the achievements under the New Deal framework and highlights work carried out under these criteria:

Management Principles	Experience	Enhancement	Engagement	Economy
	Enable as many people as possible to enjoy a wide variety of walking and riding experiences along National Trails and through the English landscape	Make constant improvement to the Trail and its associated routes. Contribute to the enhancement of the landscape, nature and historic features within the trail corridor.	Build and sustain a community of interest in caring for the Trail and the landscape through which it passes.	Creates opportunities for local businesses to benefit from the use of Trails.

## 3. Financial Implications

- 3.1. Contained within the report there is a section focussing on economy and this highlights the economic impact of coastal access within Norfolk. Additionally it needs to be noted that the national Trail partnership needs to produce an annual report to ensure continued funding from natural England.

## 4. Issues, risks and innovation

- 4.1. The innovation contained within the report is the approach to improving access in areas that have needed a bespoke approach to surface repair and improvement. The use of a helicopter in Norfolk has never been used previously and highlights the innovative approach to solving problems on trails across the county.

Additionally the financial report highlights the way in which the most complete set of data for the national trail has been compiled and brought together for the very first time.

## 5. Background

- 5.1. The new deal for National Trails was established in 2015 and provides a framework for the delivery of National Trails and provides information on quality standards that a National Trail is expected to achieve.

Part of the New Deal is the provision of an annual report which Natural England combine with a number of additional reports which form the annual report for the whole of the National Trail Family.

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