

Report to Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee
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Basingstoke Canal Asset Management Plan

Executive Summary

This report details progress on preparing the Asset Management Plan since the last meeting of the JMC on 22 October 2010.

Progress to date

The current document is the third draft Asset Management Plan (AMP) for the Basingstoke Canal. The cuttings survey is now complete and will be incorporated into the AMP when land ownership issues have been resolved.

The surveys of culverts, weirs and sluices are now underway in both Hampshire and Surrey. The Surrey survey should be complete by the end of March. The Hampshire survey has been partially completed, but was delayed by ice. The BCA workboat is currently in use for bank side clearance

A risk workshop was held on 19 November 2010 with members of the AMP working group and BCA staff to prioritise the various capital works that are required to rectify the various defects identified in the principal asset inspections. A draft risk register has been produced, which will be refined and incorporated into the fourth draft AMP.

Hampshire County Council issued an Invitation to Tender (ITT) in November for a 2-year term contract to carry out the capital works programme for the canal. 27 expressions of interest were received. The Pre-Qualification Questionnaires have been assessed and contractors selected to be invited to tender. The completed tenders should be received within 4 weeks and it is anticipated that the contract will be awarded on 1 May 2011.

Next steps

Once the principal asset inspections are complete, a fourth draft document will be prepared and presented to the next meeting of the JMC.

It will then be necessary for the JMC to discuss and agree future levels of service, which will in turn determine the resource implications of the plan.