

**BASINGSTOKE CANAL JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
7 JUNE 2023**

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

**Member Question**

**Question (1) – from Arthur McCaffrey**

Will there be a report from MACE, the consultants who carried out a review on the canal? If not, can a question be tabled to ask about any outcome from this consultancy. Thank you.

**Response:**

In late 2022, Hampshire County Council and Surrey County Council commissioned Mace to undertake a review of Basingstoke Canal's current operating model. All members of the Joint Management Committee were interviewed or surveyed as part of the exercise and we thank you for your contributions.

We have now received the final report from Mace, and both authorities are now reviewing the findings and the implications, including financial, that could follow any future changes. In addition, we are taking further legal advice on our duties towards the Canal.

Both authorities are committed to securing the long-term management and maintenance of Basingstoke Canal. There is a balanced budget in place for the current financial year (2023-2024), which includes contributions from the Canal's reserves. We will aim to bring a report to the next Joint Management Committee in November. For now, it is business as usual and there is plenty to do as always.

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