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### CANAL & RIVER TRUST BEGINS INTERNAL CONSULTATION ON STRUCTURAL CHANGES

Following recent changes to its Executive team, the Canal & River Trust yesterday (6<sup>th</sup> December 2017) began a 60-day period of internal consultation about changes to its internal structures and a significant reduction in the size of its senior management team.

At the heart of the proposals to transform the organisation is a change to strengthen the accountability of regional teams, and to shift the current waterway management structure to better face the outside world, so the Trust can engage and influence its partners in the most effective way. Subject to consultation, this would see the Trust move from the current ten waterways to six larger regions, and embed more of the current national teams directly into the new regional teams.

Commenting on the news, Richard Parry, Chief Executive, said: "These changes are about re-focussing and simplifying the organisation so that we enable everyone across the Trust to make their greatest possible contribution, to serve our customers and support local communities to enjoy their local waterway. We have to find ways to do more and cost less to ensure a secure and sustainable future for the Trust."

The Trust anticipates making further announcements about the new structures in Spring 2018.

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