

## Meeting notes

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| <b>Meeting Title:</b> | <b>Local Nature Partnership Board Meeting</b>   |
| <b>Date:</b>          | 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2020  |
| <b>Time:</b>          | 10:30 – 13:00   |
| <b>Location:</b>      | via Microsoft Teams   |
| <b>Present:</b>       | Robin Teverson (RT) Chair, Carolyn Cadman (CC) Deputy Chair, Wesley Smyth (WS), Tom Hooper (TH), Karen Burrows (KB), Steve Ford (SF), Oliver Baines (OB), Cllr Jonathan Smith (Cllr JS), Sarah Mason (SMa), Peter Marsh (PM), Sophie Hosking (SH), Nicola Stinson for Paul Masters (NS), Steve Marks for Helen Dobby (SM), Martin Howlett (MH), Ilya Maclean (IM) |
| <b>In attendance:</b> | Philippa Hoskins (PH), Lorna Gaunt (Minutes)  |
| <b>Guests:</b>        | Dr Caroline Court (CCo)   |
| <b>Apologies</b>      | Cllr Rob Nolan (Cllr RN), Nick Bruce-White (NB-W)   |

| Item     |  |
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| <b>1</b> | <p>1.1. <b>Apologies, items for AOB, Declarations of Interest</b><br/> <i>Apologies:</i> Cllr Rob Nolan, Nick Bruce-White<br/> <i>AOB:</i> Farming item for a future LNP Board meeting and Rewilding<br/> <i>DOI:</i> RT is a director of Wessex Investors Ltd. KB is a Trustee of CWT and Governor at Cornwall College.</p> <p>1.2. <b>Minutes of previous Board Meeting</b><br/>           Minutes of the last meeting were approved</p> <p>1.3. <b>Matters Arising and Actions</b><br/> <i>Matters Arising:</i> Pipeline Projects – will be covered in the Executive Report – Item 2<br/> <i>Actions:</i> RT sent a letter to the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP outlining the LNPs views (circulated with board papers)</p> <p>1.4. <b>Chair's report</b><br/>           RT presented the Chair's report (highlights below): -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Floating Off Shore Wind - a letter of support based on the board's agreement at the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020 has been sent (circulated with board papers).</li> <li>• Highly Protected Marine Areas – the LNP and Cornwall Wildlife Trust wrote to DEFRA to bid for a pilot Highly Protected marine Area and received a positive reply (circulated with board papers).</li> </ul> |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board recruitment – covered in Item 2.</li> <li>• Conference – thanks was given to Veryan Jones and the team for their work on the conference this year. A full report back with recommendations for future events will be scheduled for January’s board meeting.</li> <li>• Chief Executive - Peter Marsh will become the CEO of the LNP when carrying out business on behalf of the board.</li> <li>• Secretary of State – CC, SH, RT and Leader of the Council Julian German met with the Secretary of State, George Eustice, and discussed: marine protected zones; ELMS; the status of LNPs; and, the nature recovery network. It was agreed to keep up informal contacts and communication (follow up letter circulated with board papers).</li> </ul> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> To approve that the Service Director, Cornwall Council, supporting the LNP Board, holds the title of Chief Executive of the LNP when carrying out business on behalf of the Board - <b>APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> PM &amp; SF to consider most appropriate process for board members to give Declarations of Interest – <b>PM &amp; SF</b></p>  |
| 2 | <p><b>Board Appointments</b></p> <p>Martin Howlett and Ilya Maclean were successful in securing a position as board member during the recent recruitment exercise. And Paul Masters joins the CloS LNP Board, ex officio, as CEO of Isles of Scilly Council.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> To formally agree the appointment of three new board members: Martin Howlett; Ilya Maclean; and, Paul Masters - <b>AGREED</b></p>  |
| 3 | <p><b>Executive report</b></p> <p>SF and PM presented the report: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Environmental Growth Strategy (EGS)</b> - the refresh is moving at pace and in parallel to the development of the local nature recovery strategy. The EGS will need to be signed off by full Council early 2021.</li> <li>• <b>Pipeline Projects</b> – a pipeline of 100 projects has been collated. EOIs are being sought from all organisations that are on the short list (which has a value of £50m) which will be submitted with a covering letter from the LNP on December 7<sup>th</sup> 2020.</li> <li>• <b>Devolution work</b> – thanks was given for all the ideas provided. The draft prospectus is being put together and will be shared when it is ready. It captures the LNP’s devolution asks and those of the Strategic Resilience Board.</li> <li>• A generic environmental policy template has been sent out to all town and parish councils and will be sent to interested community groups.</li> <li>• <b>Spending Review/Shared Prosperity Fund</b> – £220m will be allocated to help areas prepare for the SPF. Allocation of funds not known yet however there is mention of targeting areas left behind.</li> </ul> |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Government's 10 point plan</b> for a green industrial revolution includes: offshore wind; nuclear; electric vehicles; carbon capture; protecting and, restoring our natural environment.</li> <li>• The creation of a new <b>National Infrastructure Bank</b> – not clear if there are any potential opportunities yet.</li> <li>• <b>Green recovery challenge fund</b> – jobs in nature recovery to delivery against the 10 point plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> to note the report - <b>NOTED</b></p> <p>The board discussed the above and the main points were: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pipeline Projects:</b> - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ consideration should be given to the most effective communication/language for businesses to engage</li> <li>○ the Council will have an important role in matchmaking and facilitating upskilling either through LEP or National Government</li> <li>○ the Pipeline Projects document would be made available when formalised for the benefit of board members who had not been involved in the working group and there would be flexibility to adjust the list. Some projects were at a concept stage. There would be a second pipeline of projects.</li> <li>○ the IoS will make a contribute via Paul Masters who is likely to bring forward anything that needs inclusion.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>10 Point Plan</b> - consideration needs to be made as to how the IoS fits into the plan alongside Cornwall.</li> <li>• <b>Devolution</b> - the impact for the IoS needs to be considered.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> regarding Pipeline Projects, NS and SM will meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> December to go through list of ideas to share with SF – <b>NS/SM &amp; SF</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> regarding Pipeline Projects, NS to extend invite to SF to discuss an IoS bid on energy efficiency – <b>NS &amp; SF</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Circulate to the board the Pipeline Projects document when formalised – <b>SF</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> SF and JS to talk about the trajectory of the devolution work and how it will impact on the IoS – <b>SF and JS</b></p> |
| 4 | <p><b>CloSLNP Sub Committee updates and ELMS update</b></p> <p>CC presented her report, the highlights were: -</p> <p><b>Sub Committee Updates</b></p>   |

The LNP has 4 sub-groups: -

- **The Cornwall Catchment Partnership** is funding by the Environment Agency and they met yesterday. There were updates from the EA on flood risk management. The strategy is being refreshed.
- **The Cornwall Biodiversity Initiative** is involved in the Local Nature Recovery Strategy Pilot for Cornwall and contributing to the delivery of Cornwall's Environmental Growth Strategy.
- **The Marine Liaison Group** – a seal research grant has been given.
- **Environmental Evidence Group** has informed the Environmental Growth Strategy refresh and the Local Nature Recovery Plan.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** that the LNP notes the updates from CloSLNP Sub Committees and the update on ELMs - **NOTED**

**ACTION:** CC to provide a few bullet points on each of the sub committees at future meetings – **CC**

**ACTION:** SM & PH to talk about who should be involved from the IoS in the Environmental Evidence Group, which has recently been reinstated for the purpose of the Local Natural Recovery Strategy Pilot – **SM & PH**

**ELMs Update:** -

- Defra announced the transition plan on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 that will make changes to farming from 1 January 2021.
- Component 1 is the sustainable farming initiative; component 2 is around nature recovery, and component 3 is the expansion of AONBs. It's disappointing that components 1 & 2 are not in the Environment Bill and there are concerns that although protection is considered, enhancement is not.
- The Rural Payment Agency will continue to administer ELMS.
- A joint meeting with the LEP took place – there is strong agreement there needs to be support for viable business cuts and to tackle Climate Change and Flood Risk Management.
- There is a need for a credible partnership model to identify support for farmers; a partnership approach document is being written by the CloS Local Enterprise Partnership.

Feedback from the LEP Rural Group: -

- Consideration is being given as to how to use the LAGAS mapping system for communicating farm advice.
- An integrating farming advisory service – CloS LEP support.
- CC Officer and CC have been working on an idea for a Land Hub which will be developed by the end of next year.
- Farm Advisors who already exist should be used as a bridge.

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|          | <p><b>ACTION:</b> IM is on the Environmental Evidence Group and will make contact with Jonathan Mosedale at ESI to see what options the IoS have regarding involvement with LAGAS – <b>IM</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> with regards to the Land Hub work, KB thought it would be helpful for CC to speak to a contact at the Rural Business School; KB to send contact name to CC - <b>KB</b></p>   |
| <b>5</b> | <p><b>Report back on the Annual Conference</b></p> <p>CW gave a brief report back: -</p> <p>The four conference sessions took place in November and the Cornwall Sustainability Awards on 4<sup>th</sup> December. The first session, the Question Time session, will be available on the Nature Recovery Hub which is expected to go live soon. The other recordings will also be accessible from the hub. Tevi are conducting a feedback exercise and a full report will come back to the LNP board in January 2021, presented by Veryan Jones.</p>  |
| <b>6</b> | <p><b>Local Nature Recovery Pilot Update</b></p> <p>PH presented her report – the headlines were: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholder engagement is currently underway to longlist Cornwall’s potential nature recovery priorities. CC is working with partners to design the criteria for producing a shortlist. Shortlisting will be undertaken in the New Year and stakeholders will have an opportunity to further engage.</li> <li>• Resources – a person will be available for 3 months, with a possible extension, plus Natural England will support the pilot from February.</li> <li>• Partners reported that progress is regarded as being of a ‘gold standard’; Cornwall is being recognised as pioneering the way ahead.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>7</b> | <p><b>Environmental Growth Strategy Refresh</b></p> <p>PH presented her report and the main points were: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the refresh started in April and has been supported by the Steering Group</li> <li>• it is framed around the 10 pillars and has been written in ‘plain English’</li> <li>• incorporating IoS more; CW has spoken to SM and the EGS will be updated with Local State of Nature report figures. CW/PH/JS have discussed integrating IoS.</li> </ul> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> that CloSLNP Board members support the draft Environmental Growth Strategy refresh, enabling it to proceed for consultation, modulo any edits recommended by the Board – <b>SUPPORT GIVEN</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> any comments on the EGS refresh should be sent to CW</p> |
| <b>8</b> | <p><b>Public Health Report</b></p> <p>Dr Caroline Court presented the Public Health report which the board had previously read.</p>  |

**The main points were: -**

- The Director of Public Health has a statutory duty to produce a statement of public health that is published by Cornwall Council.
- The current report incorporates environmental degradation, climate change and impacts on human health, it was written before the Coronavirus pandemic.
- The focus is on history of planetary and human health, air, water, food, disease, extreme weather and mental health.
- The Health and Well Being Board (H&WB Board) would review the report in 6 months and then again in 12 months' time.
- Another report would be produced in 12 months on a different theme and there would be a section to say what progress has been made on the previous report's recommendations. This will be published in summer 2021. It would be a good opportunity to make a stronger link to work together on the report back.

Dr Court highlighted recommendations in the report relevant to the board of the LNP: -

- impact of changes to the health of the planet on health and social inequality
- "Health in all Policies" approach – local authority policies to describe their impact on planetary and human health
- recommendation for providers to reduce their carbon footprint
- housing and new developments to consider health impacts
- other recommendations included: active travel; healthy eating; and personal behaviour change.

The board discussed the report and made the following points: -

- The report has been adopted at the Scillies Health & Well Being Board and at the Council of the Isles of Scilly.
- Synergies were identified and support can be provided to PH's team and contacts in Public Health to take forward any cross-cutting work.
- In terms of the EGS refresh, PH would look to see if there was anything in the report that could be pulled across for metrics.
- Making the link between soil health and the health of food and nutrition seems to have been missed from the report.

The board congratulated Dr Caroline Court on the excellent report and thanked her for coming along to the meeting. It was noted that board were very keen to strengthen the links between the CloSLNP Board and the Health and Well Being Board.

**RECOMMENDATIONS: -**

1. That the LNP notes the content of the 2019/2020 Director of Public Health Annual Report 2019/20 - **NOTED**
2. That the LNP supports the recommendations in the 2019/2020 Director of Public Health Annual Report - **SUPPORTED**

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|           | 3. That, where possible, the LNP supports the recommendations in the 2019/2020 Director of Public Health Annual Report and identifies specific actions to support this agenda - <b>SUPPORTED</b>  |
| <b>9</b>  | Board Members gave individual updates   |
| <b>10</b> | <p><b>AOBs</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Farming item - OB, JS and MH will collaborate and produce a report on farming for the next board meeting, specifically looking at the carbon issue.</li> <li>2. Rewilding – we have been asked to establish a re-wilding network for Cornwall.</li> </ol> <p><b>ACTION:</b> farming item - OB, JS and MH to send the remit to RT and CC; input from board members will be encouraged but the focus needs to be maintained – <b>OB, JS and MH</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> farming item - 45 minutes to be allocated at the next board meeting in January – <b>LG</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> re-wilding – RT and CC to talking about the approach separately and come back to the board</p> |
|           | <p><b>Dates of Next Meetings –</b><br/> 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021<br/> 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021<br/> 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021<br/> 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021</p>  |