

## Meeting notes

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Local Nature Partnership Board Meeting</b>
<b>Date:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
<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), Oliver Baines (OB), Cllr Jonathan Smith (Cllr JS), Cllr Rob Nolan (Cllr RN), Peter Marsh (PM), , Paul Masters (PM), 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>	Becky Willson
<b>Apologies</b>	Nick Bruce-White (NB-W), Sarah Mason (SMa), Steve Ford (SF), Sophie Hosking (SH)

Item	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>1.1. Apologies, items for AOB, Declarations of Interest</b>  <i>Apologies:</i> Nick Bruce-White, Sarah Mason, Steve Ford, Sophie Hosking  <i>AOB:</i> none  <i>DOI:</i> RT is a director of Wessex Investors Ltd. KB is a Trustee of CWT and Governor at Cornwall College.</p> <p><b>1.2. Minutes of previous Board Meeting</b>            Minutes of the last meeting were approved</p> <p><b>1.3. Matters Arising and Actions</b>  <i>Matters Arising:</i> RT Welcomed new Board Members, Paul Masters, CEO of the Isles of Scilly Council, Martin Howlett and Ilya Maclean.  <i>Actions:</i> were either complete or in progress</p> <p><b>1.4. Chair's report</b>            RT presented the Chair's report. The main points were: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work has continued on the nature recovery Strategy, getting feedback from the public and stakeholders.</li> <li>• There have been further discussions with the CIoS LEP about ELMs.</li> <li>• Emphasis has been placed on completing the investment pipeline work.</li> </ul> <p>RT outlined the priorities for the LNP (please refer to the Chair's Report).</p>

	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> To note the contents of the report - <b>NOTED</b>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Executive report</b></p> <p>PM presented the Executive report. In summary: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In PM's role as CEO of the LNP, and further to a meeting with RT and CC, it was agreed that PM would put together a comms strategy to highlight the work of the LNP which would enable greater visibility and he would also organise a media release stating the aims of the LNP.</li> <li>• The board, and board member's networks, were encouraged to help shape the development of Cornwall's Nature Recovery Plan by taking part in the survey which is available until the end of January. Comments on the Environmental Growth Strategy were welcome until 17.01.2021 which will go to full cabinet and Council meetings for endorsement by February 2021.</li> <li>• Strategic alignment – there is a need to gain support of important stakeholders – Chairs of the AONBs (Tamar Valley, Cornwall and the IoS).</li> <li>• There is a new manager at the TV AONB - Dan Cooke; it would be good to invite him along to an LNP meeting when possible.</li> <li>• The progress of the Tamara Landscape Partnership (10 projects in total) resonates with what we are doing in the LNP and PM is keen to share the work being carried out.</li> </ul> <p>Board Members commented on the report: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regarding the Nature Recovery Plan consultation, KB distributed the link to various groups who had previously not known about the consultation and wonders if more publicity might be needed. PM said he would speak to the Communications Team and see if they could push this. An extension to the pilot timeframe, by DEFRA, is hoped for.</li> <li>• With regards to the Climate Change DPD consultation due to finish on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021, MH asked if the level of engagement is known yet (see link - <a href="#">Climate Change Development Plan Document - Cornwall Council</a>) - PM said he would contact the Service Director if a bigger push was needed to receive greater engagement.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTIONS:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. RT to make contact with the H&amp;WB - <b>RT</b></li> <li>2. RT to speak to PM about the piece of work produce a comms strategy for the LNP and organise a media release stating the LNP's aims – <b>RT &amp; PM</b></li> <li>3. BMs to share the Nature Recovery Plan survey link to their networks to encourage their input. Link: <a href="#">Nature Recovery Plan</a> - <b>All</b></li> <li>4. PM to gain support of important stakeholders - Chairs of the AONBs (Tamar Valley, Cornwall and IoS). JS would help with connection to the IoS AONB Chair - <b>PM</b></li> <li>5. PM to share the Tamara Landscape Partnership project work with the LNP - <b>PM</b></li> <li>6. PM to invite Dan Cooke, new TV AONB manager to a future LNP meeting - <b>PM</b></li> <li>7. KB asked for more details regarding the Land Hub and CC offered to speak to KB about this after the meeting – <b>KB &amp; CC</b></li> <li>8. PM to contact the Comms Team to ask for a push for greater input into the Nature Recovery Plan consultation <a href="#">Nature Recovery Plan</a> - <b>PM</b></li> </ol>

	<p>9. PM to contact Service Director regarding greater engagement in the Climate Change DPD, if required – <b>PM</b></p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Local Nature Recovery Strategy</b></p> <p>Deputy Chair, Carolyn Cadman provided an overview and Carl Warom gave the following details: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent Defra analysis concluded the LNR should focus on an all-Cornwall scale rather than sub areas.</li> <li>• The Nature Recovery Engagement Hub was launched on 17 December 2020.</li> <li>• The hub contains a nature recovery survey and an online map to pin local opportunities.</li> <li>• Due to Covid-19 lockdown, there may be an extension to the deadline for the survey which is currently scheduled to close at the end of January. There have been 200 responses and 65 locations pinned to date.</li> <li>• Relatively few landowners and farmers have responded but bespoke work will be undertaken with them. Work has commenced with Cornwall AONB on convening a workshop-style event for farmers, and is scheduled for mid-February.</li> <li>• A low response from the fishing industry – a push will be needed to gain views from this sector.</li> <li>• Further engagement is underway to involve Cornwall Councillors in the plan’s development process, together with work underway with the LNP Steering Group and DEFRA.</li> <li>• A workshop to include Cornwall Council and the LNP on cross-border opportunities with Devon colleagues is being planned for February.</li> <li>• A project is underway focusing on the China Clay area.</li> </ul> <p>The Board commented that it was excellent report, embedding marine well.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> To note the update - <b>NOTED</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> OB would be delighted to be involved in any discussions relating to the China Clay Project to maximise links to his contacts in the farming sector locally. <b>PH</b> to make connection</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Farming Item</b></p> <p>OB, lead board member on this item gave an overview, followed by presentations:-</p> <p><b><i>Scene setting on mainstream agriculture and achieving net zero (MH)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 3 pillars to achieving Net Zero – MH is campaigning with NFU to become advocate of associated schemes and has one of 26 farms fitting into those 3 pillars.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>The status of organic farming and its contribution to nature recovery (OB)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For 3 years OB’s farm has been part of Soil Carbon Project with Duchy College, including testing carbon and wildflower counting.</li> <li>• This could be an opportunity for public money for public goods.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Measuring and managing carbon on farm (JS), and the importance of soil organic matter (Becky Willson)</i></b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 2 main tools – the toolkit and calculator. Farmers know they have to and want to measure carbon using the farm calculator, which is also a NFU recommendation.</li> <li>• Using the calculator is free and reports on CO2 emissions. Using the Farm Carbon Toolkit gives advice on how to reduce emissions and increase sequestration.</li> <li>• There is a need to engage more farmers and growers in measuring and managing – which is being progressed. A baseline of soil carbon is needed.</li> </ul> <p>Board members’ discussion included: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks was given to MH, OB, JS and Becky Willson for their useful presentations.</li> <li>• PM suggested consideration be given to the cost to the consumer, food miles, promotion of premium cost for premium products, and health.</li> <li>• KB raised the point that it can take 2/3 years of being certified organic before high prices can be achieved – ask Defra for help during that process?</li> <li>• Is there an appetite, or is it a case of making the choice for local sourcing rather than organic?</li> <li>• IM asked how would you compare yields if there was an organic shift?</li> <li>• RT stated that the UK has to import organics; could we produce more here?</li> <li>• How can we wean off pesticide use?</li> </ul> <p>Next steps: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage more farmers and growers in measuring soil carbon and managing next steps using the advice given via the toolkit and calculator.</li> <li>• CC suggested that the LNP could issue innovation to land owners and farmers in Cornwall, using carbon assessments to set targets. Pesticide use reduction and commit to the incentive over a set timeframe.</li> <li>• The Cornwall Sustainability Awards would be a good place to promote, encourage, and highlight this piece of work.</li> <li>• Flagship piece of work for the LNP.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTIONS:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At the appropriate time consider the Cornwall Sustainability Awards as a platform for promoting, encouraging, and highlighting this piece of work – <b>PH &amp; VJ</b></li> <li>2. Bring 3 recommendations back to the next board meeting to be endorsed by the board. Agree with PM, as CEO of the LNP, before submitting to the next meeting. Becky Willson’s input would be valued – <b>OB, MH, JS, Becky Willson &amp; PM</b></li> </ol>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>AOBs</b></p> <p>None</p>
	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings –</b>  25<sup>th</sup> February 2021  8<sup>th</sup> April 2021  20<sup>th</sup> May 2021</p>