



Meeting notes

Meeting Title:	Local Nature Partnership Board Meeting
Date:	9 th July 2020
Time:	10:00 – 12:00
Location:	via Microsoft Teams
Present:	Kevin Gaston (KG) Co-Chair, Robin Teverson (RT) Co-Chair, Wesley Smyth (WS), Carolyn Cadman (CC), Tom Hooper (TH), Karen Burrows (KB), Steve Marks (SM), Steve Ford (SF), Oliver Baines (OB), Cllr Jonathan Smith (JS)
In attendance:	Philippa Hoskins (PH), Lorna Gaunt (Minutes)
Guests:	Jessie Hamshar
Apologies	Cllr Rob Nolan, Helen Dobby, Sarah Mason, Sophie Hosking, Nick Bruce-White

PLEASE NOTE: due to current Covid-19 related restrictions this meeting took place virtually and was shorter than usual Board Meetings

Item	
1.	<p>The Cornwall We Want/Stronger Together</p> <p>Jessie Hamshar gave an overview of the item and explained that public engagement through a Covid-19 Resident Survey had shown an appetite for change. Seven in ten people were prepared to make a change (home working and/or reduced travel) to benefit the environment and only one in ten wanted life to return to the way it was before the pandemic.</p> <p>The main points were: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement is continuing through a listening campaign accessible via the following link: - https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/overview • The case for devolution of the powers and funding needed to deliver the Vision will be developed at the same time as the vision to secure the best for Cornwall from the Government's Devolution White Paper • Timeline: the development stage ends in September followed by the decision stage from September to November, with the vision being launched in December • The LNP Co-chairs have, alongside other Leadership Board members, helped to shape an emerging "strawman" for the big messages we need to respond to, and for the goals and outcomes within this vision. Feedback on this emerging "strawman" is welcomed, to help refine and develop it further • SF and PH are leading the work to develop the devolution "asks" in relation to the environment. JH is co-ordinating this work for the Leadership Board.

	<p>SF outlined the considerations to be made regarding devolution asks and suggested the LNP needed to be bold and look for parity with what it's trying to receive and concentrate on 1 or 2 areas that absolutely unlock aspirations.</p> <p>Board Members expressed their thoughts on devolution asks and the main suggestions were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pooling of DEFRA funds • Increased planning powers - National Park status for all or part of Cornwall can provide more local planning control and has been discussed in the past, but has a variety of other implications which need to be considered, both positive and negative • Improved enforcement • Adaptive pathway - Making space for rivers and the sea • Cornwall specific pilot schemes for testing new policies on climate and health & well being • Political culture – underpinning regulation with resources and backing • Environmental Growth & Nature – limited and credible ask • A good idea for Cornwall to demonstrate how devolution can bring to life aspirations in the 25 year Environment Plan - draw link to economic recovery <p>ACTION: Any comments on the vision/"strawman" to be forwarded to Jessie Hamshar</p> <p>ACTION: PH to share potential devolution asks slide to BMs after the meeting to aid discussion</p> <p>ACTION: SF to put together a paper on realistic and bold devolution asks</p>
2.	<p>2.1 Apologies, items for AOB, Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Rob Nolan, Sophie Hosking, Nick Bruce-White & Sarah Mason AOB: Climate Change DPD & National Pilot for LNR Strategy</p> <p>2.2 Minutes of previous Board Meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were approved</p> <p>2.3 Matters Arising and Actions</p> <p>Actions were either complete or being completed</p> <p>2.4 Chair's update</p> <p>The Co-chairs gave updates</p> <p>2.5 Board Member Update</p> <p>Board members gave individual updates</p>
3.	<p>Board Member Recruitment/Chairing/Board Member Re-appointment</p> <p>The following recommendations were made for the Board's approval: -</p> <p>1) That in September the CIOS LNP move to a single chair and that role be fulfilled by co-chair</p>

	<p>Robin Teverson - approved</p> <p>2) That a deputy chair be appointed from the current membership of the CIOS LNP Board (<i>if the first proposition is agreed</i>) – Carolyn Cadman (CWT) approved as deputy chair</p> <p>3) That an open recruitment process is undertaken to appoint an additional board member with a land use/farming and/or landscape background - approved</p> <p>4) That Wes Smyth and Jonathan Smith are reappointed to the CIOS LNP board for a second three year term - approved</p> <p>5) That a paper is brought forward to a future meeting to discuss how the LNP might work more closely with the LEP and H&WB – approved</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Concern was raised about KG’s departure leaving a significant skills/knowledge gap in the academic/scientific field. It was proposed that the Board recruit a suitable BM during the forthcoming recruitment process - approved</p>
4.	<p>Covid-19 Recovery & Renewal Paper</p> <p>The pandemic has been a focus of the Leadership Board for many months, latterly especially the implications for business (and the distribution of available financial support). Papers are now coming forward with regards to the recovery of services and the economy.</p> <p>The paper compiled by the LNP will capture a moment in history setting the context for the shape and size of the challenge ahead. Strategically it works alongside the Climate Change Action plan and has 10 focussed areas of where we want to go in the future.</p> <p>PROPOSAL: That the paper be a shared narrative for the LNP. This was approved with one change – that the reference to the negative side of the pandemic should be rephrased</p>
5.	<p>Update on the Environmental Growth Strategy Refresh</p> <p>PH has had 1hr interviews with Board Members. The next stage is to engage with the AONBs and Marine Liaison Groups, etc.</p>
6.	<p>Board Meetings Going Forward</p> <p>The Board were presented with the following suggestions for approval: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Meetings will be held every 6 weeks from 10th September • There will be two physical meetings per year; other meetings will be virtual • Physical meetings should have good public transport access, give additional opportunity for members to interact and to strengthen partnership working, and may include site visits • One of the two physical meetings may be held on the Isles of Scilly • Board Members will be conscious of carbon emissions and promote their policy to reduce

	<p>emissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That this arrangement be re-appraised after 12 months <p>PROPOSAL: to approve the above – approval granted</p>
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Climate Change DPD Feedback - comments from Board Members were incorporated into the LNP response. Additional comments were made by OB – the Board were asked if there was strong support for these comments to be incorporated.</p> <p>ACTION: RT and OB to talk about how to take this forward</p>
	<p>Dates of Next Meetings – 10th September 2020 – Isles of Scilly Annual Meeting 22nd October 2020 10th December 2020 14th January 2021 25th February 2021 8th April 2021 20th May 2021</p>