

Meeting notes

Meeting Title:	Local Nature Partnership Board Meeting
Date:	20 May 2021
Time:	10:00 – 12:30
Location:	via Microsoft Teams
Present:	Robin Teverson (RT) Chair, Carolyn Cadman (CC) Deputy Chair, Wesley Smyth (WS), Karen Burrows (KB), Oliver Baines (OB), Nick Bruce-White (NB-W), Martin Howlett (MH), Ilya Maclean (IM), Peter Marsh (PMar), Steve Ford (SF), Steve Marks for Helen Dobby (SM), Tom Hooper (TH)
In attendance:	Lorna Gaunt (Minutes), Philippa Hoskin (PH), Carl Warom (CW)
Guests:	Dan Cooke, Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (TV AONB) Manager and James Luxton, Tamara Landscape Project Manager

Item	
1	<p>1.1. Apologies, items for AOB, Declarations of Interest <i>Apologies:</i> Sophie Hosking (SH), Sarah Mason (SM), Paul Masters (PMas) <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>1.2. Minutes of previous Board Meeting Minutes of the last meeting were approved</p> <p>1.3. Matters Arising and Actions <i>Matters Arising:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KB wondered whether deprivation (as shown by lack of access to IT and broadband during the pandemic) could be a similar challenge to diversity in engaging all sectors of the Local Nature Recovery Plan – KB asked if colleges could be a public body that could take projects forward. • The next board meeting would have an item on enforcement. • The LNP has reached out to Black Voices Cornwall but hasn't had a response yet. PM recommends the Council's stakeholders consultation forum would be a good place to introduce the topic of Black Lives Matter and any consultation would go through this forum. • WS gave a brief update on the proposed SSSI designation at Penwith. NE are currently finalising some of the information around site surveys which will confirm where the site boundary will be. <p>ACTION: PM approach stakeholders consultation forum regarding Black Lives Matter item</p>

	<p>ACTION: WS to come back to the board in September with a more comprehensive update on Penwith SSSI designation. LG to put on forward look</p> <p>ACTION: LG to put enforcement on the future programme of work</p> <p>1.4. Chair's report</p> <p>RT introduced the Chair's report and the main points were: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the recent local elections, Cornwall Council is undergoing a changeover in representation. At the Full Council meeting on 25th May the new positions will be formally adopted. It is anticipated that Martyn Alvey will be the lead cabinet member for the environment and Linda Taylor will be the leader of the council. • The LNP will gain two new board members, Cornwall Council's portfolio holder for the environment and a representative from the IoS Council. • RT has written to Cllr Rob Nolan to thank him for his involvement in the Local Nature Partnership. • Concerns have been raised regarding The Office of Environmental Protection and how much independence they will have to operate effectively and what legal systems will be available to them. <p>RECOMMENDATION: to note the report - NOTED</p>
2	<p>Governance</p> <p>RT explained the reason behind bringing these governance documents to the board for endorsement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Declaration of Interests – board members will need to complete these annually and if there was a request to share we would do so for the sake of transparency. They would however not be published on any website. 2. Board Appointments - this has been re-written and defines the responsibilities of board members and describes what the Local Nature Partnership is about. 3. Board Member Role Profile 4. Guiding Principles and Responsibilities for Board Members <p>RECOMMENDATION: the board was asked to endorse the documents set out above – ENDORSED (with the addition of Isles of Scilly in Board Member Role Profile document)</p> <p>ACTION: Board Members to complete Declaration of Interest form which LG will send</p>
3	<p>Executive report</p> <p>PM introduced the Executive report, the main points were: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council and partners have put forward projects we have discussed with the LEP. • The first joint meeting of the LNP/LEP sub-group took place at the end of April. The work programme will be set at the next meeting. • Communications Plan - options for creating a new LNP web landing page are underway.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cornwall Sustainability Awards 2021 are going to be launched on 8th June 2021. The closing date for applications will be the end of October and the results will be announced at the award ceremony on Friday 3rd December. <p>Board Members had the following comments on the Executive report: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Were any bids submitted in February/March successful? The Helman Tor and the peatland restoration project were picked out for the G7 legacy aspect and we are still awaiting an announcement as to whether they were successful. What has been applied for? There has been complete transparency around the pipeline projects with Cornwall Council and non Cornwall Council projects being submitted. PH's team are preparing a revised LNP Project Dashboard for a forthcoming Board meeting to update everyone on the status of all of the original project list. Growing Blue Carbon – a £600k bid has been submitted for Advanced Mooring Systems across the Fal and Helford estuaries. Board members have concerns around increased water sports and diffuse pollution, disturbance and water quality. Thought needs to be given to how to approach this issue. CWT are taking forward marine disturbance issue. WS said there was a lot of interest in the seagrass bid. Farming has been included as a category in the sustainability awards as agreed by the LNP. <p>RECOMMENDATION: that the board note the report – NOTED</p>
4	<p>Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)</p> <p>CC presented this item. The LNRS was circulated with papers before the meeting.</p> <p>The LNRS pilot has been endorsed by the working group and is due to be submitted to Defra at the end of May. Until the Environment Bill goes through it may change again. Previous comments made by the working group have been incorporated around enablers and priorities.</p> <p>Board members had the following comments: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OB asked for a summary at the front, for example “this is our strategy...”. IM would email a few comments around explaining/clarifying figures. TH said it was cleverly written and gives a good understanding around connecting people and was well balanced. It was agreed that this would need to be appropriately resourced and implemented. Feedback would be given to Defra on the LNRS Pilot process (lessons learned) which the board have asked to see. Thanks to SF, CC, PH & CW for an outstanding piece of work which is considered to be a blueprint that others can follow. <p>RECOMMENDATION: Endorse the pilot in principle - ENDORSED with the proviso that the above comments were incorporated.</p> <p>ACTION: Share lessons learned with the Board - PH/CW</p>

5	<p>Sub Committee update</p> <p>CC referred to the sub committee update report provided with the board papers.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: to note the report - NOTED</p>
6	<p>Tamara Landscape Partnership and AONB Nature Recovery Plan</p> <p>James Luxton, Tamara Landscape Partnership Manager gave an overview of the project: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £500,000 funding secured including 'in kind' from staff time • The Woodland Trust will be donating trees • There are plenty of volunteer opportunities • Partners that make up the Tamara Partnership are diverse including Battling On and housing associations. <p>Some of the key outputs will be: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying heritage features that matter and a web page to celebrate them • Engagement with farmers and landowners including 1 to 1 advice • Connecting coast to coast walking route and re-establish ferry crossings • There will be a Visit Tamar Valley destination website • Events – engaging with partners on the edge of the scheme • Heritage Training opportunities (apprenticeships, internships and foundation courses) • citizen scientists recruited, trained and supported to carry out water surveys, monitoring for water quality, wildlife and pollution • natural connections, ie link workers can prescribe activities leading to improvement in health & well being • market gardening – supporting business and demonstration and training in grow for selves <p>Dan Cooke, TV AONB Manager gave an overview of the TVAONB Nature Recovery Plan Development, in response to the Colchester Declaration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In April 2020 a small pilot was developed which showed where interventions would have most impact. • The next phase will be a coordinated approach with Cornwall Council. • A toolkit has been produced to assess natural capital on landowner/farmers land. • There are clear alignments with the Tamara Project: nature recovery and natural capital; discreet projects; enhancement; and farming on protected land. • The plan will enhance opportunities to acquire funding and ultimately to carry out work on the ground. <p>ACTION: James Luxton to share useful promotional video with the board via LG ACTION: share toolkit for farmers with the board – DC/JL ACTION: return to the board with an update at an appropriate time – DC/JL ACTION: LG to send Tamara Landscape Presentation to the board - LG</p>
7.	<p>Roundtable/Board Member Updates</p>

	Board Members gave individual updates
8.	AOB None
	Dates of Next Meetings – 1 st July 2021 9 th September 2021 7 th October 2021 18 th November 2021

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