

# Meeting notes

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| <b>Meeting Title:</b> | <b>Local Nature Partnership Board Meeting</b>   |
| <b>Date:</b>          | 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2020   |
| <b>Time:</b>          | 10:00 – 12:30   |
| <b>Location:</b>      | via Microsoft Teams   |
| <b>Present:</b>       | Robin Teverson (RT) Chair, Wesley Smyth (WS), Carolyn Cadman (CC), Tom Hooper (TH), Karen Burrows (KB), Helen Dobby (HD), Steve Ford (SF), Oliver Baines (OB), Cllr Jonathan Smith (Cllr JS), Sarah Mason (SMa), Cllr Rob Nolan (Cllr RN), Nick Bruce-White (NB-W), Peter Marsh (PM), Sophie Hosking (SH) |
| <b>In attendance:</b> | Philippa Hoskins (PH), Lorna Gaunt (Minutes)  |
| <b>Guests:</b>        | Veryan Jones, Ruth Williams, Jessie Hamshar   |
| <b>Apologies</b>      | none  |

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

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| 1.   | <p><b>1.1 Apologies, items for AOB, Declarations of Interest</b><br/>Apologies: None<br/>AOB: None<br/>DOI: RT is a director of Wessex Investors</p> <p><b>1.2 Minutes of previous Board Meeting</b><br/>Minutes of the last meeting were approved</p> <p><b>1.3 Matters Arising and Actions</b><br/>Matters Arising:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with CloS LEP has been had</li> <li>• Marine – is on the agenda for today</li> <li>• Media – meeting has been had with RT, CC, SF and Mark Nicholson. Looking at options.</li> <li>• Conference – is on the agenda for today</li> </ul> <p>Actions: None</p> <p><b>1.4 Chair's report</b><br/>RT presented the Chair's report (highlights below): -</p> |

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|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RT, CC and OB met with CloS LEP's Mark Duddridge (MD) and Glenn Caplin-Grey (GC-G) at Chris Jones' Woodland Valley. It was a really positive meeting about working together</li> <li>• LEP Pipeline projects – SF will cover this later in the agenda</li> <li>• LNR Pilot – CC will report back on this</li> <li>• A meeting with the Secretary of State, George Eustice, is organised for 6<sup>th</sup> November. The priorities will be to: discuss ELMS and how to make it work; ask for assistance in obtaining resource and status similar that of the LEP through devolution; open up an informal channel to discuss policies</li> </ul>  |
| 2. | <p><b>Executive report</b></p> <p>SF presented the executive report, the main points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the progress of the Environmental Growth Strategy is going at pace with an emphasis on the 10 principles contained within the leadership board paper</li> <li>• the LNP board are asked to commit to developing an outline pipeline of projects for the impending Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF); SF is meeting with GC-G on a regular basis and will report back on how the LEP envisage the pipeline work and the SPF will be unfolding during the coming weeks and months.</li> <li>• Devolution - we are developing proposals across the three 'pillars': climate emergency, ecological emergency and climate change adaptation. The latter is being finalised by the Strategic Resilience Board; we are in discussions with BEIS, Treasury, OfGem, Lord Callanan's office and Defra on a range of issues</li> </ul> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b><br/>That the LNP commit to developing an outline pipeline of projects for the SPF - <b>AGREED</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> "shovel ready" projects should be sent to SF and PH in the next 2 weeks <b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> A Pipeline Projects Working Group to be formed to pull together potential EOIs by 27 November <b>SF/LG</b> (HD to be on the working group)</p> |
| 3. | <p><b>Local Nature Recovery Pilot Report</b></p> <p>CC presented a report on the LNR Pilot. The main points were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it is progressing well and thanks was given to PH and her team from both CC and WS from Natural England</li> <li>• the next stage is communications and engagement</li> <li>• for the duration of the pilot a report will be brought to each CloSLNP meeting outlining progress to date</li> </ul> <p>SM highlighted that the IoS is not being included in the pilot. Paul Masters, CEO of the Council of the IoS is looking at areas for collaboration between Cornwall Council and the Council of the IOS and this could be one of those areas?</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b><br/>That the LNP notes the update on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy Pilot - <b>NOTED</b></p>   |

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| 4. | <p><b>CloSLNP Annual Conference</b></p> <p>Veryan Jones outlined the current status of the conference plans:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• so far 47 people had registered to attend the main conference and 21 for the Question Time panel session</li> <li>• Tony Juniper had been secured to give the keynote speech</li> <li>• Board members were encouraged to sign up to the event via Eventbrite</li> <li>• HD offered to share experience of virtual conferences with VJ and RN informed the board that Truro City Council's recent conference had been a success</li> </ul> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b><br/>That Board members support the plans for the LNP conference and help make the events a success – <b>SUPPORTS</b></p>  |
| 5. | <p><b>Marine and Ocean Health Index (OHI)</b></p> <p>Ruth Williams presented the report which comprises recommendations to the CloSLNP from the Marine Liaison Group (MLG).</p> <p>Background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• there is a need for more active management of the marine environment</li> <li>• the OHI shows low scoring areas which could be rectified by the designation of Highly Protected Marine Areas</li> <li>• combined management by multiple agencies and other regulatory bodies with good links would be beneficial</li> <li>• there are six devolution/pilot asks and three improvements to the current ways of working</li> </ul> <p>The board discussed the recommendations and their decisions were: -</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LNP endorse enhancing active management within the current MPA network as a strategic priority for marine nature recovery in Cornish waters for the next five years - <b>ENDORSED</b></li> <li>• The LNP Champions the marine environment to ensure that it is given full consideration in other strategies, policies and projects - <b>AGREED</b></li> <li>• The LNP endorses further work on proposed devolution and pilot asks (as set out in 2.2 of the report presented to the board) - <b>ENDORSED</b></li> <li>• The LNP endorses the improved ways of working outlined in 2.3 of the report presented to the board) - <b>ENDORSED</b></li> <li>• The LNP supports the key findings of the Benyon Review in relation to HPMA outlined in 1.1 of the report presented to the board - <b>SUPPORTS</b></li> <li>• The LNP supports the regional Ocean Health Index as a tool to inform the state of the health of the seas around Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and will assist in finding means to ensure that it becomes a regular indicator - <b>SUPPORTS</b></li> </ul> <p>Additional <b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b> made by the LNP Board:</p> |

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|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• work closely with the fishing sector including early engagement to communicate what HPMAs are and the long term sustainability goals associated with them</li> <li>• note the need for effective enforcement and monitoring</li> </ul>   |
| 6. | <p><b>Planning Reform/Wildbelt Paper</b></p> <p>CC presented the above report:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government released two consultations on 6 August 2020. The first was on proposed changes to the current planning system, which has now closed. The second was the Planning White Paper; Planning for the Future, which closes on 29 October.</li> </ul> <p>The board discussed their support for the following recommendation and concluded it supported putting in a submission to make a case for protecting green spaces between towns and gave a further recommendation to team up with AONBs. RT would send a letter to the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP by 29 October 2020.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LNP are asked to consider whether to issue a response to the planning consultation, noting the contents of draft responses developed by the Wildlife Trusts and the Council of the Isles of Scilly<br/><b>APPROVED</b></li> <li>• The LNP notes the contents of a briefing on the Wildlife Trust’s proposals for a wildbelt designation<br/><b>NOTED</b></li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> RT to send a letter to the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP outlining the LNPs views (from a Cornwall perspective) – to give nature, biodiversity and ecological systems a fundamental role in its reforms</p> |
| 7. | <p><b>Final endorsement of the Future Cornwall input and update on Devolution Proposals</b></p> <p>Jessie Hamshar (JH) presented her report and appendices and thanked the LNP for their work on <i>The Cornwall We Want</i>.</p> <p>The LNP has been a strong advocate of further devolution of powers so that Cornwall can accelerate progress in tackling climate and ecological breakdown. Details of the proposals relating to nature recovery and decarbonisation are: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a Local Energy Decarbonisation Programme building on renewables</li> <li>○ a pilot for local governance of nature recovery</li> <li>○ a single devolved pot bringing existing funding for mass housing retrofit</li> </ul> <p>The Board made the following comments on the final endorsement of the Future Cornwall input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JH was congratulated by board members for the fantastic piece of work</li> <li>• TH wants to see biodiversity mentioned and also marine ambitions. JH said marine is incorporated but is brief - if amendments were needed they could be made</li> <li>• Ensure there is a continued conversation regarding Floating Offshore Wind</li> </ul>   |

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|    | <p>Regarding devolution asks CC informed the board that the re-classification of beavers as a native species had been picked up by the Strategic Resilience Board.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the LNP notes the evidence base for our future vision in the reports, <i>The Cornwall We Know</i> and <i>The Cornwall We Want</i> - <b>NOTED</b></li> <li>• the LNP comments on and endorses the vision for Cornwall’s future set out in <i>Gwyllyn Warbarth, Together We Can: The Cornwall Plan</i>, noting the arrangements for securing the formal support of the key partnerships for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly to work together to achieve this vision with oversight from the C&amp;IoS Leadership Board – <b>ENDORSED</b></li> <li>• the LNP comments on and endorses the devolution proposals developed by members of the LNP with support from the Council’s Head of Environment Service and PwC, for inclusion within a strong collective case to Government for devolution of the powers and funding that will enable us to accelerate progress towards this vision - <b>ENDORSED</b></li> </ul> |
| 8. | <p><b>Future work programme</b></p> <p>LG went through the current items on the future work programme, for the board to note: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Health report – December board</li> <li>• EGS refresh update – December board</li> <li>• Subsidiary Groups of the LNP – to be scheduled</li> <li>• Investment Programme</li> <li>• Planning Reform Paper</li> <li>• Black2Nature (equal access to nature)</li> </ul>  |
| 9. | <p><b>Roundtable/Board Member updates</b></p> <p>Board Members gave individual updates</p>  |
|    | <p><b>Dates of Next Meetings –</b></p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> December 2020<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>   |