

## Meeting notes

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Local Nature Partnership Board Meeting</b>
<b>Date:</b>	7 October 2021
<b>Time:</b>	10:00 – 12:30
<b>Location:</b>	via Microsoft Teams
<b>Present:</b>	Robin Teverson (RT) Chair, Carolyn Cadman (CC) Deputy Chair, Wesley Smyth (WS), Oliver Baines (OB), Karen Burrows (KB), Cllr Harry Legg (Cllr HL), Cllr John Bastin (Cllr MA), Lisa Goodall (LG), Paul Masters (PMas), Ilya Maclean (IM), Julian Branscombe (JB)
<b>In attendance:</b>	Lorna Gaunt (Minutes), Steve Ford (SF), Philippa Hoskin (PH), Carl Warom (CW), Peter Marsh (PMar), Sophie Hosking (SH)
<b>Guests:</b>	Stuart Reid, Chief Executive Officer Isles of Scilly Travel

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies, items of AOB, Minutes, Matters Arising &amp; Actions and Chair's report</b>
<b>1.1</b>	<p><b>Apologies, items for AOB</b>  <i>Apologies:</i> Nick Bruce-White (NB-W), Martin Howlett (MH)  <i>Welcome:</i> RT welcomed the Interim CEO of the IoS Wildlife Trust, Julian Branscombe, to the meeting. Also welcomed were Cllr John Bastin who was standing in for Cllr Martyn Alvey, Cllr Harry Legg who was standing in for Cllr Steve Watt, and Lisa Goodall who was standing in for Helen Dobby.  <i>AOB:</i> Ecological Emergency</p>
<b>1.2</b>	<p><b>Minutes of previous Board Meeting</b>  Minutes approved.</p>
<b>1.3</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising and Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity and climate change local liaison officer – RT is waiting for news from the Rowntree Trust and South West Water about this proposal.</li> <li>• Environmental Enforcement Group – the group has met, and an update will be given at the November board meeting.</li> <li>• Funding opportunities – to be included on the LNP website - not yet completed.</li> </ul>
<b>1.4</b>	<p><b>Chair's report</b> (full report circulated with the board papers)</p> <p>At a recent meeting between Cornwall's MPs and the CloSLNP a request was made that there was representation for an MP on the CloSLNP board. It was agreed that more meetings should be organised on a quarterly timeframe was suggested. Since the meeting MPs</p>

	<p>representing Cornwall have nominated Cherilyn Mackrory MP to become a member of the LNP Board.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the LNP board welcomes Cherilyn Mackrory MP as a member of the board (to be reviewed following the next general election) - <b>AGREED by consensus</b></li> <li>2. That the LNP board membership is increased from sixteen to seventeen (to be reviewed at the next general election) - <b>AGREED by consensus</b></li> </ol>
2	<p><b>Executive Report</b> (full report circulated with the board papers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Cornwall Council were this month named the nation's leading local authority in tackling the climate crisis at the MJ Local Government Awards.</li> <li>o To coincide with COP26 Cornwall Council will be hosting a local conference on climate change with a section devoted to nature.</li> <li>o The Climate Change Development Planning Document (Climate Change DPD) has been approved at Full Council and will now be submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.</li> <li>o Ongoing relationship building with Dame Glenys Stacey of the Office of Environmental Protection.</li> <li>o Local Nature Recovery Strategies – Cornwall Council are finding out what their role will be as Responsible Authority.</li> <li>o Cornwall Sustainability Awards are coming up in December.</li> </ul>
3	<p><b>Isles of Scilly</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Ongoing collaboration with Cornwall – involved in a COP26 event on 8<sup>th</sup> November (mentioned above).</li> <li>o FiPL – at the selection panel stage.</li> <li>o Climate Change Action Plan - at the draft consultation stage.</li> <li>o Climate Adaptation – freshwater collection and harvesting – working with local business to get funding and match funding.</li> <li>o Visit from Dame Julia Slingo regarding climate change and meteorology.</li> <li>o Julian Branscombe (JB) in conversation with Tanya Saker (TS) regarding the State of Nature report for the IoS.</li> <li>o Ongoing work with TS on the AONB Management Plan.</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Sub Committee Update</b></p> <p>The Sub Committee Update paper was circulated with papers ahead of the meeting and was taken as read. In addition, IM gave a verbal update on the Evidence Group and as a result RT asked IM to produce a report (with recommendations) on Evidence Needs. CC has been asked if the CloSLNP can provide a flow of information from the CloSLNP back to the Sub Groups as well as from the Sub Groups.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> IM to produce a report on Evidence Needs - IM</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> to note the report – <b>NOTED</b></p>

<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Investment Programme</b> (full report circulated with board papers)</p> <p>PH outlined the recommendations to the board and explained that the LNP has a distinctive role to play in strengthening the landscape for investment into nature. The paper outlines three emerging components: a pipeline of nature recovery projects; a habitat bank feasibility study; and a new digital platform, Land Hub. The aim is to issue a general call for revenue and capital projects (aligning with G7 and LEP projects) in November.</p> <p><i>Nature Recovery Pipeline</i> – the aim is to establish a conveyor belt of environmental projects for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.</p> <p><i>Cornwall Habitat Bank</i> - the pipeline will establish an essential set of deliverable projects, there will be further need to strengthen funding mechanisms themselves and match them to projects. This component of the investment programme will be explored via the Cornwall Habitat Bank project.</p> <p><i>Land Hub</i> - the aim is to establish a digital platform that will act as a local entry point to data and information to support the development and design of local nature recovery projects with landowners and farm advisors.</p> <p>PH explained that a recent stocktake of the investment pipeline had been carried out and that some of those projects remain valid and some are not funded. A project co-ordinator for the Habitat Bank has been appointed and a Steering Group is being set up by Cornwall Council. With regards to Land Hub there's an opportunity for a name change; a further update will be given in due course.</p> <p>The board asked PH questions regarding the above and PH reassured members that regarding the Habitat Bank the plan is to carry out a feasibility study which they have the dedicated support for. The study would identify the resources required to actually run it.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the board endorses the creation of a Nature Recovery Pipeline, and the issuing of a general call for projects - <b>ENDORSED</b></li> <li>2. That the LNP Chair join the Steering Group for the Cornwall Habitat Bank project, and that all Board members engage with the research – <b>SUPPORTED</b></li> <li>3. That the board notes the ongoing development of the Land Hub platform - <b>NOTED</b></li> </ol>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Isles of Scilly Vessel replacement</b></p> <p>PMas introduced this item. The LNP previously supported this Levelling up bid for replacement vessels, in June 2021, but raised some questions around the propulsion system and why it wasn't 100% electric.</p> <p>Stuart Reid, Chief Executive Officer Isles of Scilly Travel gave a presentation to members with the aim of answering any queries the board had. The main points were: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bid has been submitted with the proposal that the Scillonian IV and the new cargo vessel will have hybrid propulsion systems. The systems, as planned, will provide reductions in fuel consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and noise production.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposal for the new passenger ferry will be longer and wider increasing cargo capacity, which in turn will reduce carbon emissions.</li> <li>• All vessels will be future proofed to allow introduction of new technology. The marine sector needs to identify most sustainable and appropriate power provision.</li> <li>• Current solutions include use of hydrogen and consideration is being given to NOx emissions.</li> <li>• The technology is in the early stages however some vessels are being converted. The ability to store and transport hydrogen will be available in the future.</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Wildlife and Countryside Act</b></p> <p>A review of species is carried out by nature conservation bodies every five years, working jointly through the JNCC. A consultation to identify whether the right species are being included started in June/July. NGOs wrote an open letter to the JNCC concerned that a number of species would be lost /faced with extinction. The next stage of the review is imminent, a stakeholder consultation, and this would be the time for the LNP to become involved.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Roundtable/Board Member Updates</b></p> <p>Board Members gave individual updates.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Ecological Emergency – OB to prepare a paper to debate at the next board meeting in November. <b>ACTION:</b> OB to prepare paper.</p> <p>Board meetings– LG to set up next six months of board meetings (six weekly where possible) with one physical meeting per year.</p>
	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings –</b> 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 tbc</p>