



## Meeting notes

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Local Nature Partnership Board Meeting</b>
<b>Date:</b>	8 September 2023
<b>Time:</b>	09:30 – 12.00
<b>Location:</b>	MS Teams
<b>Present:</b>	Robin Teverson (RT) Chair, Cllr Martyn Alvey (MA), Vicky Fraser (VF), Matt Walpole (MW), Clare Parnell (CP), Martin Howlett (MHow), Sian Rees (SR), Mark Holmes (MH), Andrea Ayres (AA) in the stead of Mark Rice, Rebecca Williams (RW), Julian Branscombe (JB), Cllr Harry Legg (HL), Ilya Maclean (IM)
<b>In attendance:</b>	Philippa Hoskin (PH), Dougie Handford (DH), Bethany Roberts (BR), Lorna Gaunt (LG) – note taker
<b>Guests:</b>	For item 4 – Local Nature Recovery Strategy Steering Group item  Jenny Christie – Natural England Emma Browning – Cornwall AONB

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies, items of AOB, Minutes, Matters Arising &amp; Actions and Chair’s report</b>
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Apologies &amp; items for AOB</b> Apologies: Nick Lawrence (NL), Mark Rice (MR), Phil Mason (PMaso), Wesley Smyth (WS) AOB: none
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Minutes of previous Board Meeting</b> Minutes approved
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Matters Arising and Actions</b> Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DH &amp; BR to share survey results from RCS – complete (in Executive report)</li> <li>• Penwith SSSI lesson learned – CP/MHow to put together a non-paper to inform LNRS consultation – workshop being set up for September</li> <li>• LNRS - paper showing how the strategy will be deliverable. Paper produced and on agenda for discussion</li> <li>• LNRS – NL and PH to have discussion outside of the meeting</li> <li>• Water regulation and resources – Lagas – Laurence Couldrick to speak to CC/IM about Lagas integration - BR to pick up</li> <li>• Citizen Science – complete</li> </ul>
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Chair’s report</b> (full report circulated with the board papers) Taken as read. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LNP Enforcement Meeting with Exeter University was very successful; the report will need to come to the board before being published.</li> <li>• LNP Work Programme is schedule to be discussed at the next Executive Meeting with the aim of bringing it to the November board meeting.</li> <li>• Camel Nutrient Neutrality – RT has concerns around this and is keeping an eye on progress; it will be debated in Parliament.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature South West has both CC and LNP representation and has a good focus.</li> <li>• Climate Change Commission – MH is involved in leading the implementation and advisory panel; he is keen to make sure that the advisory panel and members of the commission shape the workload. They are currently working on the ToR. The governance will be similar to that of the LNP, with an independent chair. The first formal meeting is likely to be in January.</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Executive report</b> (circulated with papers and taken as read)</p> <p>VF highlighted:</p> <p>The Nature Recovery Team are actively recruiting for 7 posts around developing the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) and Local Investment in Natural Capital (LINC). More details will come to board around LINC.</p> <p>LNP Sub Group Review – this has now been concluded but there is still an outstanding action for the Evidence Group to get secretariat support, which is critical for the group’s success.</p> <p>Investment – projects have been submitted as part of the recent LNP call for projects. Draft assessment criteria is being determined and feedback is welcomed from members. A report will come back to board in due course.</p> <p>Farmer and Landowner engagement - feedback from surveys from the Royal Cornwall Show. Thanks to DH and BR for the high level summary. Some work looking at what support and advice is currently available is being carried out with Cornwall Wildlife Trust.</p> <p>3Cs project (Championing Coastal Coordination) - CWT has secured funding which will provide a better framework and support for coastal coordination across the county. This funding (albeit short term) is really positive and will enable a paid coordinator for Cornwall and IoS Coast and Marine Partnership.</p>
3	<p><b>Isles of Scilly update</b> (verbal)</p> <p>JB gave the update for the IoS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine mammal strandings – the IoS wildlife trust is working out how the 3Cs initiative will tie in and will be thinking about marine conservation opportunities.</li> <li>• There has been closer working with IFCA recently.</li> <li>• As the only unitary authority, which is also an AONB, the rebranding exercise will provide a good opportunity for the protected landscape.</li> <li>• Delivery plan – there will be a coordination team with previous experience in supporting and engaging with farmers and growers and tenants who will be picking up on opportunities. A workshop is planned in Autumn on disturbance and recreation management.</li> <li>• LNRS consultation – members of the Cornwall Council Nature Recovery team will be on the IoS in October, to work with RW and the IoS WT.</li> <li>• IoS Council – RW is finishing the Council’s Biodiversity Policy as to how the Council can better manage its land for wildlife. The planning department is also investing in some training/ ecological advice to prepare for Biodiversity Net Gain.</li> <li>• IoS WT – looking after half the islands public access, looking to increase herd of cattle. Working with Tresco and Duchy they’re putting together an ELMS landscape recovery scheme.</li> <li>• Protecting sea birds - results from the survey are in and a report has been produced. NE has provided funding for rat eradication project on St Helens. It is a huge undertaking across all islands and is important to prevent further decline of the Manx Shearwaters.</li> </ul> <p><b>Board members comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regarding the Fishing Gear Permit Byelaw review which will extend the area that is off limits to trawling - an update will be sought from Tom Hooper.</li> <li>• Regarding the workshop on disturbance and recreation management Cornwall could benefit from feedback/any lessons learned. A full report with findings would be available in due course.</li> </ul>

4	<b>Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) Steering Group Item</b>
4.1	<b>General update and mapping deep dive (paper circulated in advance of meeting and taken as read)</b>
	<p>Jenny Christie (JC) and Emma Browning (EB) were welcomed to the meeting for this item.</p> <p>The LNP Board previously approved the design principles for the LNRS and members were asked to give steer and make comment on the LNRS Update paper which focused on mapping. The recommendations to the board were to: 1) note the progress made on LNRS governance and engagement; 2) approve the high-level framework for creation of the LNRS maps; and 3) provide steer on specific discretionary options.</p> <p><b>Mapping</b></p> <p>BR and IM presented some slides outlining the high level approach to mapping and drawing the board's attention to terminology, what the guidance says about including certain sites, and what zones 1-4 might look like.</p> <p><b>The main points made by the Steering Group were:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LNRS needs to have, and maintain a high profile at all times, and stay at the forefront of people's minds. It needs to be clear what the implications of the map are and what difference it might make as to what zone a site is allocated to.</li> <li>• The maps should not be static. They should have a dynamic element and they need to remain current. Static maps may need to exist for planning use though. For monitoring purposes, the maps will need to have an element of live mapping to see improvements and check the reality of the sites.</li> <li>• The inclusion of marine and rivers is strongly supported. Regarding rivers, there needs to be a definition of what a river is, to differentiate between water courses and rivers, so that it's clear who is the responsible authority.</li> <li>• Members strongly agreed with the suggestion that Plain English is used as much as possible throughout the strategy.</li> <li>• There was support for the recognition of the importance of County Wildlife Sites.</li> <li>• Members agreed with the suggestion that Zone 4 has no white space in the LNRS mapping, recognising that all areas can deliver in some way for nature. Positive activities will be included in Zone 4.</li> </ul>
4.2	<b>Analysis of the deliverability of the LNRS (report circulated with papers – taken as read)</b>
	<p>VF introduced the item. PH, DH and BR have, with the information available, started to think about how the LNRS can be delivered.</p> <p>DH presented some slides on the challenges and barriers to delivery of the LNRS.</p> <p><b>The main points made by the Steering Group were:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is essential to keep the LNRS in everyone's minds - councillors, organisations, the public, planners, etc. It links to the ecological and climate emergency and should be very much in front of minds. For farmers this will be a 'goodwill' gesture as there is no economic advantage for them to do this.</li> <li>• For projects that are not being counted it might suggest not all people can be part of the solution.</li> <li>• The wording 'positive' ownership needs to be looked at.</li> <li>• FIPL is a short window of opportunity but has over 60 projects, how does that factor into the LNRS?</li> <li>• For sites in perpetuity, how do we know they are consistently being well managed?</li> <li>• Suggest we need to ramp up work with landowners who have the ability, have the land, and are willing/supportive. Early collaboration is important.</li> </ul> <p><b>In summary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There's a need to be inspiring for stakeholder engagement. Farm advisor conversations need to be had and tools that can be provided need to be shown. Conversations need to be had around how it will be measured. Positive ownership terminology will be re-considered. Pledge for</li> </ul>

	<p>Nature is a feel-good tool so everyone can do their bit. LNP takes on responsibility as a body – will bring up at next Executive Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need to give confidence to land owners and farmers to be robustly financially viable as well as doing their bit for nature.</li> <li>• It needs a commitment from all.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> the LNRS team to consider and incorporate where possible recommendations and comments made by the board on the LNRS mapping and the deliverability of the LNRS report – CC LNRS Team.</p>
5	<p><b>Roundtable</b> None</p>
6	<p><b>AOB</b> None</p>