



Meeting notes

Meeting Title:	Local Nature Partnership Board Meeting
Date:	11 July 2024
Time:	13:00 – 15:30
Location:	Online via Teams
Present:	Robin Teverson (RT) - Chair, Matt Walpole (MW) – Deputy Chair (Chair for LNRS Steering Group), Mark Homes (MH) – for Vicky Fraser CEO, Andrea Ayres (AA), Cllr John Bastin for Cllr Martyn Alvey (JB), Julian Branscombe (JB), Nick Lawrence (NL), Cllr Harry Legg (HL), Rebecca Lovell (RL), Ilya Maclean (IM), David Marshall (DM), Sian Rees (SR), Rebecca Williams (RW), Clare Parnell (CP) (from 1335 hrs)
In attendance:	Philippa Hoskin (PH), Dougie Handford (DH), Susie Wood (SW) – note taker
Guests:	Gwyn Williams, Senior Specialist in Public Health. LNRS Steering Group Item 4 - Emma Browning, Cornwall National Landscapes Manager (EB) and Jenny Christie – LNRS Advisor, Natural England (JC)

1	Apologies, items of AOB, Minutes, Matters Arising & Actions and Chair’s report
1.1	Apologies & items for AOB Phil Mason, Vicky Fraser, Martin Howlett
1.2	Minutes of previous Board Meeting Minutes approved
1.3	Matters Arising and Actions RT had written to Cherilyn Mackrory, Conservative MP Truro & Falmouth, to thank her for her involvement on the LNP Board. He had also written to George Eustice, Conservative MP for Camborne and Redruth, and Derek Thomas, Conservative MP for West Cornwall and the IoS, both of whom had supported the LNP and were advocates for nature recovery. RT confirmed there would no longer be a requirement for a Member of Parliament to be present on the board. However, it was noted that the LNP does have quarterly meetings with MPs. Regarding the query around the LNRS multiplier which was used around the strategic survey and public survey, BR can explain in more detail if required. RCS and other actions being picked up through reports later in the meeting.
1.4	Chair’s report (full report circulated with the board papers) Taken as read with the highlights being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RT expressed his thanks to all those involved in the RCS and confirmed that there was a desire to do a Regenerative Farming Hub again in 2025. There was potential for a Regenerative Farming Day at the Wadebridge Showground in the future, but this was yet to be confirmed. • RAF St Mawgan – RT had visited RAF St Mawgan and confirmed that they were taking nature recovery very seriously both on and off site.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature South West – looking to move natural capital project forward – RT has been asked to represent LNP in their next level meetings as chair of the SW LNPs. • Chair and deputy chair of the Marine and Coastal Partnership have been appointed. <p>Comments from board members:</p> <p>NL flagged that RNAS Culdrose have similar dedicated staff like RAF St Mawgan who have a strong focus on nature recovery.</p> <p>NL asked about the Economic Forum. RT said the LEP and the LNP had had a good relationship however the new Economic Forum would be more advisory than the LEP was. It would be important to press the case for nature recovery (the carbon side of things was already well considered). RT was considering a three way conversation with Lord John Hutton, Chair of the Economic Forum, and Justin Olosunde, Chair of the new Climate Commission.</p> <p>ACTION: RT to investigate if a similar initiative was being followed at RNAS Culdrose with the station commander - RT</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Executive Report</p> <p>Taken as read. The highlights were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lord John Hutton and Linda Taylor sent letters to new Prime Minister. There's a request for follow up letters from portfolio holders, and to the new Secretary of State for Defra to invite the continuance of strong working relationship and to invite to a visit. • Correction to the report – due to the election didn't attend Council's Corporate Director's Team Meeting but would be going next week. • LNP visit to Dorset was very worthwhile; opportunities to work with the team in the future. • The Farming and Landowner subgroup will be reconvened to engage with farmers and landowners ahead of the LNRS. • The Bioblitz at New County Hall received positive feedback. Well done to PH's team. • Enforcement work – working on a draft one page infographic and comments requested. <p>Questions from board members:</p> <p>NL - regarding development of LN Recovery Plan around asset management, did that include County Farms and be mindful to intervene and make a view/influence at the right time. MH answered that the approach to asset and estate management did include the Council farm estate and that Lisa Rundle sits on panels for tenancy and makes sure nature is recognised. The annual report goes to NOSC in November when they agree priorities. MH also has a monthly meeting with the Council Farm's Team looking at nature recovery and F4C and delivery of both on the farms estate.</p> <p>NL – regarding the visit to Dorset, he would be keen to hear about any shared learning relating to nature and health and also their approach to farming.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Isles of Scilly update (verbal)</p> <p>RW gave an IoS update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Climate Adaptation Scilly project is largely complete. The Council of the IoS is having to defer until resource is available. • Stephen Swabey has left so resource is needed for flooding and coastal erosion work. • National Landscapes work is going well; the IoS WT will be appointing a National Landscapes Manager.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful launch event for the management plan review. Preparing a review with their partners. • Local plan being reviewed – need to make sure all strategies align well. • LNRS work is going well – planning a mapping workshop will happen in due course. • The first Small is Beautiful steering group meeting was had and there are good FiPL links.
4	Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) Steering Group Item (paper circulated in advance of meeting and taken as read)
	<p>RT thanked everyone for their hard work on the LNRS and highlighted its importance.</p> <p>MW, Board Champion for the LNRS, lead on this item. He explained that the next few months would be about pulling together the various threads of work that have been taking place to produce the integrated document which would go through consultation and review during the autumn.</p> <p>JC, LNRS Senior Officer at NE gave a presentation covering progress in other LNRS areas and the Supporting Authority Checklist.</p> <p>Each of the 48 LNRSs across England have different approaches to reflect local circumstances and are all at different stages of development. Responsible authorities have received various non statutory advice providing mapping species and data standards. Defra and NE have encouraged Responsible Authorities' sharing of best practice via the RA network and regional groups.</p> <p>JC explained Devon's approach to the long list comprised of setting up 20 species group whose leads then agreed the final short list and their potential measures. Leicestershire's engagement plan was built around non statutory advice and brought in town and parish councils, faith groups etc. Surrey will use a theatre production and Cumbria produced an activity pack for schools.</p> <p>Essex LNRS went to public consultation in May. The LNP was set up with LNRS in mind and they had monthly working group meetings, two webinars for community groups, farmers, ENGOs etc followed by surveys and workshops. They employed an engagement company. Their statement of biodiversity priorities was good but the mapping element lacked functionality and needed some work. Reflections from the LNRS officer were to be open to suggestions from stakeholders who can see where they have, or have not, informed the process. Sense check with people outside the process. Ensure wider environmental benefits come across strongly. Essex had strong habitat but species needed to come through more clearly.</p> <p>Kent and Medway were a good example of transparency. Mapping, and previous and upcoming events, and reports produced along the way were published for public to see.</p> <p>The Supporting Authority Checklist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed by Defra and released to RAs last week. • Purpose: 1) should help NE area teams assess whether an LNRS complies with regulations and statutory guidance, 2) reduces likelihood of objections as NE senior officers use the checklist to identify where regulations/statutory guidance is not being met and help RAs to resolve ahead of consultation and, 3) give confidence to ensure RAs have evidence and on track and legally compliant. • The checklist shows 50 different criteria that relate to specific regulations and statutory guidance. The priority criteria of 11 criteria forms the sub-set of the former. RAs needs to provide evidence (minutes, workshop outputs etc). • Might be useful for LNP to be sited on the checklist updates at LNRS steering group meetings going forward.

AA thanked the NR team for their work to date, and JC from NE. There have been a few concerns raised by arms length bodies (NE, Forestry Commission and EA) and PH and AA have met about some of the concerns. There has been some good work so far and this is a good point to tweak.

AA - around breadth of engagement/collaboration some comments were about ensuring these are happening. Also, making sure on mapping alignment that consultation and collaboration are working in tangent. Consultees need to see how their comments are/are not used. Measures mapping needs to be clearly mapped on the map. Any best practice from early examples can inform/help with these tweaks.

LNRS Steering Group member questions:

- Regarding the checklist, a lot of criteria focussed on engagement and governance structure and not a lot on mapping methodologies. There us a challenge that processes need to line up so there's no disconnect of the 48 areas. JC answered that there is an expectation that neighbouring LNRSs communicate with each other about any peculiarities as well as communicating with each other throughout the process. DH - Cornwall and IoS has just one neighbour, Devon, and they formally communicate with them every month as well as on an ad hoc basis.
- Any critical timings LNRS SG need to be aware of? JC said the LNRS should be finished by March 2025 but it is clear other authorities might not reach that. Pre-consultation end Sept/Oct time. Everything needs to be ready as far as possible before pre-consultation. AA – suggest the Steering Group have site of the issues and give support to PH re concerns that have been raised.
- MH there are local elections next year which will have an impact on timelines in terms of adoption.

LNRS Update

PH spoke to the report provided with the board papers.

- July/Aug/Sep – NR team pulling all the information together with IM and UoE team. There will be two 28 day evaluation periods with SA to be factored in pre and post consultation.
- Cabinet sign off scheduled in February 2025, if this is missed due to a new administration coming in the adoption may be delayed until July 2025 – some risk associated with future funding.
- New logo of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Nature Recovery Strategy was presented with feedback from the LNP Board Members requested by midday 16th July 2024.
- Farming LNRS Engagement Leaflet had been distributed to 2,500 farm business encouraging engagement with farmers and landowners ahead of the Royal Cornwall Show. Very positive feedback received, especially around the clear language used. As we move to mapping the Farming and Landowner Sub Group will be reconvened before formal public consultation.
- CloS 2 x priority refinement workshops were held in June – constructive feedback had been received. There was a strong feeling/concern that habitat groups may lead to a 'siloes' approach to nature if it leads to mosaic and transitional habitats being omitted from a strategic approach which is being taken on board and DH is looking at this. Reviewing all feedback.

Marine – the team are currently working out confusion around river estuaries. Although there was early agreement to integrate marine within the LNRS Defra has indicated that RAs are not to extend their local habitat map to include areas beyond the local authorities' boundaries (into the

inter tidal zone as far as low water). The LNRS SG were asked to consider the following updated approach to the creation a Marine Nature Recovery Framework.

1. Continue to reflect maritime nature of CIOS throughout the LNRS
2. Continue to propose terrestrial and intertidal actions in the LNRS that will benefit the marine environment
3. Continue to work with interested parties to develop marine nature recovery priorities and opportunity maps, via CIOS Marine and Coastal Partnership, with steer from the LNP -
4. Draft, consult, adopt and publish a separate but linked Marine Nature Recovery Framework, alongside the LNRS with a similar timeline
5. Decide who wishes to adopt this framework and how – LNP, CC, Council of the Isles of Scilly, MCP etc
6. Consider offering support to Defra and MMO with any future work on place-led marine nature recovery initiatives or spatial plans

LNRS Opportunity Mapping Update: constraints

Have considered potential constraint areas to be woven into the mapping some recommendations have been made:

- All grades of agricultural land will be used to create the opportunity area maps – the software will make the decisions based on agricultural land grades, favouring nature recovery actions on lower grade farmland over higher grade. This may enable support for farmers and SFI applications.
- After consultation with heritage colleagues, proposal is to not use heritage features as a constraint instead there will be signposting on mapping to get information from heritage colleagues.
- Military land won't be used as a constraint. Although Natural England has continued to advise that MOD land and land which is already allocated for particular activities (development, EWCO) is factored into the mapping as a constraint for ACBs MOD land will not be used as a constraint layer in the mapping development. It will however be engaging post hoc to ensure there are no issues with the land that has been mapped. This is because we know the MOD situation is complex with many sites including those on Culdrose and St Mawgan being very receptive to nature recovery.

23rd July in person workshops at Chacewater Village Hall

- 0900-1200 – LNRS Mapping Workshop
- 1300-1600 - Special session LNRS Steering group

LNRS Steering Group member questions:

RT – how can we practically tie SFI part of ELMS up with the strategy. How is the Cornwall public consultation going to work in September and October if suggestions are made that need to be considered? PH – CC haven't received steer from Defra about LNRS will be used in agri-environment funding so presuming. Want to prevent any exclusion. Around formal public consultation, LNRS SG will be asked for steer but will be online surveys, meetings with stakeholders, presentations, etc. needs to be designed and welcome suggestions. Also, internally through scrutiny committee.

JC – purpose of doing stakeholder collaborations so no nasty surprises at public consultation. Around inter tidal issue, the advice is to make sure inter tidal is really considered in priorities and potential measures. Around constraints, LNRS should be mindful of constraints not just around

agricultural land - avoid areas that could become of importance, or where planning consents might be required, or land might be ear marked for something else, woodland creation for example.

JC asked if info would be sent around prior to the LNRS Steering Group workshop. PH said DH is working on the papers now and will aim to send a week in advance.

NL – the funding will help to bring the document to life and what funding is available – will help to drive people and willingness will be driven by funding opportunities. Willingness layer will not be visualised but will feed into the algorithm.

SR – marine nature recovery would be useful to understand the push back on this. Approach to keep it running parallel through the Marine and Coastal Partnership. Keep coastal and marine image in the vision of Cornwall and IoS LNRS.

CP – length of SFI is 3 years. Once into consultation there will be push back from farmers as to why what they're doing is not being recognised. Could we map what farmers are doing even though it won't be in the LNRS so it could be visualised and shared.

CP – regarding Surrey theatre programme – Falmouth Uni always has interest in projects and could potentially create something for social media with graphics to show what's going on. PH – welcomed the idea of using Falmouth University: this would be more realistic to pursue after the detailed work towards creation of the LNRS, to help inspire people to take action for nature.

PH - The farmer sub group is being reconvened to shape next steps towards socialising draft outputs of the strategy, we welcome ideas for how, when and what methods are likely to be most effective.

PH - Regarding capturing details of positive efforts currently being delivered by people, we have the pledge for nature as one option for people to tell us what they are doing, alongside data re ELM. Anything more comprehensive will be shaped as we move towards adoption and delivery. We have given this a lot of thought already and welcome ideas from the steering group.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Notes progress of the LNRS since the last meeting - **NOTED**
- Provides feedback on emerging logo and title of the LNRS – **WILL PROVIDE**
- Notes the important role of the LNP in guiding key next steps, including the Mapping Weightings workshop and LNRS Steering Group special meeting, both on 23rd July - **NOTED**
- Endorse the updated approach to creation of a Marine Nature Recovery Framework - **ENDORSED**

5 Nature and Health (verbal presentation)

Gwyn Williams (GW) gave an introduction to public health's work in this area. One of the pillars of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Health and Well Being strategy is living sustainability and reducing carbon footprints.

RL has been having conversations with LNPs, Public Health, and other recognised links over the last five months and has found there is generally good accessibility and there are thriving

practitioners in the area. Some of the main challenges are around funding (short-termism), and nature and health not being owned by one department. RL went through a presentation (which will be shared after the meeting):

System level - complexity of systems, fragmented landscapes of commissioning which tend to be short term. A general lack of whole system thinking.

Infrastructure – distribution of infrastructure, for example more deprived areas have less access to nature. Appropriate signage for communities needs improvement.

Sustainability – acute in Cornwall. Lots of novelty, short term, and pilot projects making it hard to work on good practice.

Social and demographic - differences in how communities get involved in decision making – through LNRS etc – variation in how communities do/don't get heard. Institutional capacity – need for sufficient consultation involvement. Cultures of participation can be baked in early.

Legal factors – use of local spaces can be constrained.

Environmental pressures – continuing pressure on environmental focus, using the environment as an asset for the health and wellbeing of people.

What the LNP can do to try and address these challenges as a list of priorities and long term ambitions:

- Recognise and be more articulate about the balancing long term environmental protection with actions we take to make use of the natural environment – need to be more articulate – it's not just another pressure on the environment and prioritisation of humans over nature
- Centralise addressing inequalities and promoting equity across activities
- Take a life course (for humans) and long term (for the environment) approach. Consider the intergenerational implications and opportunities such as key settings as schools.
- Focusing on enhancing sustainability of activity, help reduce waste and inefficiencies of current system.
- Taking a systems approach and strengthening health and wellbeing considerations (promotion and protection) making sure of consistencies across planning, urban green space, public rights of way, etc. make sure there aren't any gaps, etc. crossing and included in all relevant policies and strategies.
- LNP strategy could include establishment of coherent integrated system of health promotion and protection. A lot of LNP strategies concentrate on health promotion (looking at level 0-3 pyramid). Management of environmental risk, climate change and biodiversity loss is often missing. For it to work we need to see it as a consistent whole. Green social prescribing – people's movement through programmes. Some benefits are seen to start but then there isn't a progressing route into other care or work/benefits.

Potential short term activities for LNP:

- Further develop SW hub for LNP activity relating to health and well being which is Dorset run. Conversations with Devon and Dorset underway.
- Think about the resources/activities going on in region. UoEs RENEW project, activity around renewal of biodiversity and soon to establish centre for health consequences of climate change and adaptation activities.
- Cornwall Partnership Trust, chief medical officer for Cornwall have new ambition for 50% of their services to be delivered in non-clinical spaces. They are hoping for sites around

	<p>Cornwall we could help and act as broker for sites where consultation and services could happen especially for rural population.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consulting with community practitioners – capacity issues around funding, working together in more systematic way, delivery key training, and capacity building opportunities. • Develop resource centre. • Review and consider transferability of innovations. • Review sufficiency of resources such as greenspace mapping and availability and public rights of way and Council spaces. • Start to engage with new MPs and new administration to establish Cornwall as a centre of good practice. <p>Key questions and next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are any key areas missed? • Prioritising key activities • Balancing promotion and protection <p>Questions from the board:</p> <p>CP regarding barriers to people accessing nature. Could different departments in CC help to overcome these? RL – is a complex landscape and there is a huge body of research and a new resource centre could be helpful and all the information could be packaged up in a more meaningful way. CP – could iWalk help as a resource?</p> <p>JB – IoS WT have mental health nurse who is community ranger – trying to meet need for social prescribing. There is investment for a hospital revamp and expansion and they’re thinking about options for maintaining and recovering health outside facilities. RL and JB can pick up outside of meeting.</p> <p>GW pointed out mapping and resources - the joint strategic needs assessment that public health intelligence and knowledge function administers has living environment indicators.</p> <p>Following Dorset visit MH looked at a potential commission from 2020 to map footpaths, rights of way, including condition but it wasn’t fulfilled. MH is now re-looking at that and how it will align to this, and transport decarbonisation strategy and local plan refresh. MH to share with RL.</p> <p>SR – did piece of work looking at beaches and coastline as being the most socially levelling environment. Didn’t dig into too deeply but socialising brings health benefits. It’s worth keeping that in the conversation.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RL to do notes from health aspect of the Dorset visit - RL • Continue to keep this piece of work moving along with the Executive Group – Exec Group/RL
6	<p>Roundtable (verbal updates) The group gave verbal updates.</p>
7	<p>AOB None</p>
	<p>2024 meeting dates 13 September 16 October – Isles of Scilly/hybrid</p>