

**LIVERPOOL CITY REGION LOCAL NATURE PARTNERSHIP
BOARD MEETING
NOTES AND ACTIONS**

Date:	29 th September 2015	
Present:	Gideon Ben-Tovim (GBT)	Chair
	Alison Ball (AB)	Arup & Partners Ltd
	Mark Chadwick (MC)	Environment Agency
	Rupert Casey (RC)	Knowsley Council
	Jackie Copley (JC)	Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
	Christine Darbyshire (CD)	Liverpool City Council
	Dr Alan Jemmett (AJ)	Merseyside Environmental Advisory
	Paul Nolan (PN)	The Mersey Forest
	Richard Tracey (RT)	Richard Tracey Ltd
Apologies:	Janet Atherton	
	Paul Booth	Riverside Group
	Dave Callan	Chair of the Local Access Forum
	Caroline Davies	Knowsley Council
	Sarah Dewar	Liverpool Clinical Commissioning
	Paul Sanderson	St Helens Council
	Anne Selby	The Wildlife Trust
	Iain Taylor	Land Trust
	Alan Welby	Liverpool LCR LEP
Circulation:	As above and Board members.	
Item	Comments	Action

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1.0	Introduction.	
2.0	Apologies: As above.	-
3.0	<p>Minutes and Actions from the previous meeting.</p> <p>MEAS have taken on the role of updating Nature Connected website. GBT thanked MEAS for this support and encouraged the Board to have a look at the site, suggest any updates/documents to add any feedback via PN.</p> <p>http://www.natureconnected.org/</p>	All
4.0	<p>Rethinking Parks Progress</p> <p>RC provided an update on the Rethinking Parks work. Key points include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing importance of “Rethinking Parks” as the budget pressures continue to impact on LAs. • Need Nature Connected (NC) to continue to promote the agenda to Leaders and Chief Executives, highlighting the need for joint work at a City Region level. • Work has been well received by KMBC members and fits in with budget setting period to identify new ways to fund KMBC green spaces. • KMBC about to appoint a technical expert to look at operationalising the ideas in this document, with an offer for other partners to be involved. Partners should contact Rupert if they would like more information on this next stage. • Wirral data available but no time to include in the next phase. • RT suggested that while a CR model would be ideal, a collaboration dialogue is probably a more pragmatic approach; building the solution over time. Use NC as the vehicle for exploring ideas for future management. <p>GBT thanked Knowsley for the excellent and innovative work that has been carried out.</p>	RC

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<p>6.0</p>	<p>LCR Green Infrastructure Prospectus</p> <p>AB presented the final version of the GI and Renewable Energy Prospectus. This has been funded through the LEP, MEAS, Mersey Forest and the NWC Academic Health Science Network.</p> <p>The presentation is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>A formal launch of the document will take place on 12th November 2015 at ARUP.</p> <p>The focus is now on taking the work forward with the LEP, through SUD, Low Carbon and any other opportunity that may present itself.</p> <p>Gideon thanked Arup and NC partners who have been involved in developing the document and preparing the way for the next stage.</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p>EU Structural Funds</p> <p>Much of the work to date on EU Funds has been preparing the ground, but these need to coalesce around projects – 2 strands of activity: SUD and Low Carbon as was highlighted in the presentation by AB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUD – linked to STEP and includes green infrastructure in the strategy. • Circulate the SUD (September version). <p>GBT thanked the various members of NC for their engagement and their work in this area.</p>	<p>PN</p>
<p>8.0</p>	<p>The role of Nature Connected in a devolved city region</p> <p>LCR submission to Government on the devolution issue is available on KMBC website.</p> <p>Nature connected have approached CExs and the CA about the role of the natural environment in the devolution discussions, or in the future CA work strands.</p> <p>AJ circulated the draft paper that will be presented. Copy attached. Progress to be reported back to next meeting.</p>	<p>Website</p> <p>All to comment</p>

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9.0	<p>Ecological Network for Liverpool City Region</p> <p>The LCR Ecological Network has been developed by MEAS in close co-operation with the Districts. Work is now underway to have the Network approved by District Planning Officers, which will lead to the Network becoming part of the evidence base to inform the planning process.</p> <p>The Network was supported and endorsed by the NC Board. GBT asked AJ to report progress at the next Board meeting.</p>	<p>AJ</p> <p>AJ</p>
10.0	<p>Work Plan updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Health Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £420k Nature4Health project underway • Research Centre of Excellence is evolving! • Atlantic Gateway Parklands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ResPublica document now available in hard copy if people want it. • Community Environment Fund now spent. Seeking new funds. • Working to provide an update on progress/success. • Will be working with Liverpool University to create an event for IFB2016 next June. 	
11.0	<p>EA/NE update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River Basi Management Plans – Plans now available on the web for consultation. • The final reports will be released in December. • There may be some issues for NC to consider, particularly around the de-regulating of water bodies. MC to report back on this at the next meeting. • EAC response – translation. 	<p>MC</p> <p>MC</p>



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12.0	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board membership – GBT asked board members to review membership of the Board (current membership attached). • Move to quarterly meetings – approved. Dates to be circulated. 	PN
13.0	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>2:00 p.m. 17th November 2015 at Arup Offices</p>	