

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

Date:	17 th November 2015	
Present:	Gideon Ben-Tovim (GBT)	Chair
	Stephen Ayliffe (SA)	Natural England
	Alison Ball (AB)	Arup & Partners Ltd
	Peter Batey (PBy)	University of Liverpool
	Paul Booth (PB)	Riverside Group
	Mark Chadwick (MC)	Environment Agency
	Caroline Davies (CDAV)	Knowsley Council
	Clare Duggan (CD)	NHS England
	Dr Alan Jemmett (AJ)	Merseyside Environmental Advisory
	Dave McAleavy (DM)	Sefton Council
	Clare Olver (CO)	The Mersey Forest
	Paul Sanderson (PS)	St Helens Council
	Don Thompson (DT)	Merseyside Environmental Trust
	Christina Williams (CW)	Liverpool City Council
Apologies:	Dave Callan (DC)	Chair of Local Access Forum
	Jackie Copley (JC)	Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
	Christine Darbyshire (CD)	Liverpool City Council
	Sarah Dewar (SD)	Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
	Paul Nolan (PN)	The Mersey Forest
	Caroline Riley (CR)	Healthy Waterways Trust
	Anne Selby (AS)	The Wildlife Trust
	Iain Taylor (IT)	The Land Trust
	Richard Tracey (RT)	Richard Tracey Limited

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Circulation:	As above and Board members.	
Item	Comments	Action
1.0	Introduction.	
2.0	Apologies: As above.	-
3.0	Minutes and actions from last meeting: River Basin Management Plans now on website with final release on 22 December. GBT requested that this be an agenda item at the next meeting.	-
4.0	Update from the Chair on his meetings: GBT summarised his attendance at the launch of the GI Prospectus; the ESIF committee and Blue Green Economy Advisory Group. Since the last meeting he has met all the local authority chief executives within the city region.	
5.0	Natural Health Service, Nature4Health and Centre of Excellence: CO presented on the above. The presentation is attached to these minutes.	
6.0	NHS Sustainability: Clare Duggan gave a presentation on Health Wellbeing and Natural Capital. The presentation is attached to these minutes. Questions followed to both speakers. There was a discussion about how CD could assist in helping this approach become commissioned on a strategic basis. Reference was made to the Commissioning Framework and the NHS Sustainable Development Unit , and for it to become a priority as part of the assurance process. The joint action of both Public Health England and NHS England was needed to encourage CCGs and Health and Wellbeing Boards to commit to action. GBT recommended that the Board:	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorse and support the work of the Centre of Excellence and Natural Health Service • Support the work of Clare Duggan in her role <p>This was agreed. GBT asked if NC could call upon CD for future support, such as joint bids and closer alignment. This too was agreed.</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Green Infrastructure prospectus:</p> <p>A formal launch of the document took place on 12th November 2015 at ARUP's offices with representatives from the public and private sector.</p> <p>The focus is now on taking the work forward. PN is developing links with the Alliance; Arup are working with landowners for energy and MEAS are working with the LEP.</p> <p>The strong strategic approach was congratulated.</p> <p>EU funding: SUDS received a positive response, with €1M identified for GI and biodiversity.</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>8.0</p>	<p>Rethinking Parks:</p> <p>RC provided an update on the Rethinking Parks work across 11 green spaces: http://www.nesta.org.uk/blog/11-projects-are-rethinking-parks</p> <p>Caroline highlighted the key messages that Nature Connected could take from this work and updated the Board on the new delivery arrangements being considered for greenspaces within Knowsley.</p> <p>GBT thanked Caroline for the excellent and innovative work that has been carried out.</p> <p>The representatives of the other Local Authorities present, i.e. St Helens, Liverpool and Sefton, indicated that they may also become involved in Rethinking Parks 2. PB affirmed Riverside's continuing support as well.</p>	
<p>9.0</p>	<p>Liverpool City Region Ecological Network:</p> <p>AJ presented a Report (previously circulated) to update Nature Connected on completion of the LCR Ecological Network as part of the natural environment evidence base across the Liverpool City Region. The purpose of which is to evidence ecological and biodiversity information on the City Region's natural assets and identify opportunities to enable better protec-</p>	

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	<p>tion and management of natural assets and provide opportunities to create new ones.</p> <p>AJ reiterated that the LCR Ecological Network is not a designation or land use allocation, more to inform Local Plan policies, decision taking and wider policies and action. It is entirely complimentary to the LCR GI Framework and wider GI aspirations of Nature Connected.</p> <p>A further advantage of the approach is that it provides powerful evidence of how the Local Planning Authorities and Nature Connected are meeting the practical challenges of “Duty to Co-operate.”</p> <p>The Board of Nature Connected was requested to approve and endorse the LCR Ecological Network as part of the natural environment evidence base for the Liverpool City Region and the strategic approach set out in the NIA as set out in the recommendations of the Report. This was agreed by the Board.</p> <p>The Board agreed that this work was so important that it needed publicising and popularising through a printed summary ‘glossy’ and it was hoped that the partners could fund this.</p>	
10.0	<p>Nature Connected, LEP and the Combined Authority:</p> <p>GBT: influencing ESIF, good hooks in statutory documents now assessing bids going through to the ESIF committee.</p> <p>Eco Innovation initiatives - public sector buildings. Vicki O’Kelly: vicki@greenblueskies.co.uk is key contact.</p> <p>Discussions held around a nominated lead Chief Executive and Leader for the natural economy in the new devolved city region.</p>	
11.0	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>None.</p>	
8.0	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>2:00 p.m. 9th February 2016 at Arup Offices</p> <p>Future Meetings (all at Arup Offices at 2:00 p.m.):</p> <p>10th May 2016 20th September 2016 6th December 2016</p>	