

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

<b>Date:</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	
<b>Present</b>	Gideon Ben-Tovim (GBT)	Chair
	Stephen Ayliffe (SA)	Natural England
	Prof. Peter Batey (PPB)	University of Liverpool
	Christine Darbyshire (CD)	Liverpool City Council
	Caroline Holmes (CH)	Knowsley Council
	Dr Alan Jemmett (AJ)	Merseyside Environmental Advisory
	Paul Nolan (PN)	The Mersey Forest
	Vicki O'Kelly (VO)	Green Blue Skies
	Colm Bowe	LJMU
	Tim Jones (TJ)	St Helens Council
	James Sharples (JS)	Liverpool City Council - Brussels
	Iain Taylor (IT)	NW FWAC
	Don Thompson (DT)	Merseyside Environmental Trust
	Nick Thompson (NT)	Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
	Alan Carter	Land Trust
<b>Apologies:</b>	Michelle Cameron (MCa)	Liverpool Chamber of Commerce
	Iain Taylor (IT)	NW FWAC
	Anne Selby (AS)	The Wildlife Trust
	Stephen Sykes	eMansys
	Alison Ball (AB)	Arup & Partners Ltd
	Richard Mawdsley (RM)	Peel Group
<b>Circulation:</b>	As above and Board members.	

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1.0	<p><b>Introduction.</b> The Chair welcomed new Board members, Vicki O’Kelly and Colm Bowe and James Sharples, the Policy manager, Liverpool City Region Brussels Office</p>	
2.0	<p><b>Apologies:</b> As above.</p>	-
3.0	<p><b>Minutes and actions from the last meeting:</b></p> <p>Minutes from the last meeting were agreed. AJ confirmed that the LCR Visitor Management Strategy had been commissioned, with a completion date of May 2018. Update on next meeting as the work looks at impact on natural environment and in particular designated sites, from development especially housing and visitor growth in the city region.</p>	
4.0	<p><b>Mayoral Combined Authority update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Update from Chair</b></li> </ul> <p>GBT has been involved in an number of meetings with the Metro Mayor in his capacity as Environment Advisor. NC is recognised as a strategic partner for the Combined Authority. This engagement also involves membership of the Housing and Spatial Planning Board.</p> <p>There have also been a number of meetings with individuals and organisation representatives who have a particular environmental concern that has been directed to the Metro Mayor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key issues emerging include</li> <li>• Clean Energy strategy</li> <li>• Housing Strategy</li> <li>• Air Quality Strategy</li> <li>• City Region Apprenticeships</li> </ul> <p>NC will get an opportunity to comment/inform these strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Natural England Secondment</b></li> </ul> <p>SA has now been seconded to support NC and in particular to help GBT and AJ in work with the Combined Authority. This will focus on the Natural Capital deal and the No Net</p>	

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	<p>Loss document for NC.</p> <p>The secondment, a DEFRA post, will last until March 2018.</p> <p>Paper attached outlining the secondment role and the Not Net Loss draft. Comments back by 8<sup>th</sup> January to <a href="mailto:Stephen.Ayliffe@naturalengland.org.uk">Stephen.Ayliffe@naturalengland.org.uk</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MEAS Secondment</b> Ongoing discussions between MEAS, Local Authority partners and the Combined Authority about the secondment of AJ, part time to the Combined Authority. AJ will update the Board when an outcome is known but the broad role would be to advise on environmental regulation matters as well as support / facilitate engagement with NC and the environmental sector</li> <li>• <b>Priorities for Nature Connected</b> Workshop to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February to assess priorities for Nature Connected in the light of the developing city region agenda, and the likely publication of the government's 25-year Plan for the Environment. More details to follow in the new year.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">AJ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PN</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p><b>ESIF &amp; SUD Bids:</b> ESIF Bid Submitted by MF has now been approved. This bid led on from the NC work, funded by MEAS, MF and the LEP to look at GI and Energy projects across the city region and how they might be used in combination to draw down ESIF. More details at the next meeting.</p> <p>SUD bid still in progress, led by MerseyTravel. Update at next meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PN</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p><b>EU Fund Opportunities:</b> James Sharples provided an update on EU funding opportunities that remain open and which will continue to remain open over the next 12-18 months.</p> <p>Copy of presentation attached.</p> <p>The Chair thanked James for the update and asked if NC could be kept informed of opportunities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JS</p>

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7.0	<p><b>Climate Adaptation Report:</b></p> <p>Vicki O’Kelly provided an update on the Project Metropole project which looked at Climate Change adaptation in cities across Europe.</p> <p>Copy of presentation attached.</p> <p>Vicki has agreed to join the NC Board.</p>	
8.0	<p><b>Rethinking Parks Update:</b></p> <p>CH updated the group on the new round of Re-thinking Parks, with a view to a CR wide bid or to collaboration between a few Local Authorities.</p> <p>CH set out the latest position on KMBC Parks Review, the Park Review Board recommendations have been accepted and taken forward by KMBC. (the Cabinet approval was called in to Scrutiny Committee, and referred back to Cabinet with recommendations).</p> <p>Information available here - <a href="http://knowsleyparksboard.co.uk/">http://knowsleyparksboard.co.uk/</a></p> <p>TJ described the cuts to funding at SHMBC and MS suggested that there was merit in a developing further the informal network of parks managers.</p> <p>MS and CH to discuss further.</p> <p>NT has interviewed parks managers from each of the local authorities to gain information about the approaches that are being taken in each area to cope with the budget cuts to green spaces. A copy of information gathered is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>The chair thanked CD and NT for their work on this topic.</p>	CD/MS
9.0	<p><b>Partner updates:</b></p> <p>DT Shared the document promoting cycling and noted the high levels of killed or serious injured cyclists in the City Region.</p> <p>CB informed the Board of work underway at LJMU to look at valuing Natural Capital, and in particular what the implications of Brexit might be. A PhD student looking at business investment in Natural Capital. Work also underway valuing street trees in Liverpool.</p> <p>NT – Green Bullet newsletter now available – attached</p>	

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	<p>AJ – Circulated the Biobank newsletter. Biobank website link <a href="#">here</a>  PB Informed the Board of the changes to <a href="#">Mersey Rivers Trust</a> which is in the process of restructuring.  Post meeting note: a link to the CIEEM publication on post-Brexit environmental legislation can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>													
10.0	<p><b>Future Meetings:</b> 2018/19</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="360 779 820 983"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="360 779 651 813">Meeting date</th> <th data-bbox="651 779 820 813"></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="360 813 651 846">21 March</td> <td data-bbox="651 813 820 846">2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="360 846 651 880">12 June</td> <td data-bbox="651 846 820 880">2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="360 880 651 913">18 September</td> <td data-bbox="651 880 820 913">2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="360 913 651 947">18 December</td> <td data-bbox="651 913 820 947">2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="360 947 651 983">19 March</td> <td data-bbox="651 947 820 983">2019</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Meeting date		21 March	2018	12 June	2018	18 September	2018	18 December	2018	19 March	2019	
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