

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

Date:	10 th September 2019	
Present:	Gideon Ben-Tovim (GBT)	Chair
	Jo Holden (JH)	Peel Holdings
	Dr Alan Jemmett (AJ)	Merseyside Environmental Advisory
	Gaynor Murphy (GM)	United Utilities
	Anne Selby (AS)	The Wildlife Trust
	Nick Thompson (NT)	Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
	Michelle Whalley (MWh)	The Mersey Forest
Apologies:	Colm Bowe (CBo)	Liverpool John Moores University
	Michelle Cameron (MCA)	Liverpool Chamber of Commerce
	Rupert Casey (RC)	Natural England
	Christine Darbyshire (CD)	Liverpool City Council
	Caroline Holmes (on maternity)	Knowsley Council
	Simon Hurst (SH)	Environment Agency
	Huw Jenkins (HW)	Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
	Tim Jones (TJ)	St Helens Council
	Natalie Naisbitt (NN)	Knowsley Council
	Paul Nolan (PN)	The Mersey Forest
	Caroline Riley (CR)	Mersey Rivers Trust
	Mark Shaw (MS)	Sefton Council
	David Stevenson (DS)	Wirral Council
	Iain Taylor (IT)	NW FWAC
	Don Thompson (DT)	Merseyside Environmental Trust

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	Paul Wright (PW)	Halton Borough Council
Circulation:	As above and Board members.	
Item	Comments	Action
1.0	Introductions	
2.0	Apologies: As above.	
3.0	Minutes and actions from the last meeting: Accepted	
4.0	<p>Natural Capital Update (Nature Connected Secondment):</p> <p>AJ provided a quick update (in CBo's absence) on this item that they continue to look for succession funding for phase 2 of the project. A significant legacy of this work will be if the NC Baseline and tool are adopted and utilised by the CA – for example as part of their action planning in response to the Climate Emergency Declaration.</p>	
5.0	<p>Future YoE Secondments:</p> <p>AJ and NT updated the board on how valuable they had found the interns from LJMU / LU especially in helping with the YOE. In considering how best to utilise the secondments / interns going forward it was discussed that feedback would be provided to the Universities that it would be useful to have the interns for a longer period than 20 days.</p> <p>CPRE have used LJMU interns for a number of years – through the world of work scheme. It was agreed that Nature Connected would continue to support interns going forward and representatives from LU and LJMU will be officially invited to become part of the NC Board to continue the links. It was suggested that we consider placements from other establishments- for example the UU run a graduate scheme and it was suggested that the graduates could potentially work with partners on relevant projects as part of the graduate scheme.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All</p> <p>GM from UU to explore further f</p>

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6.0	<p>What Next for Nature Connected following the YoE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board revisited a previously minuted item which stated that NC should explore what its position/response would be, on single/thornier planning issues if asked • It was recognised that more time would be needed to develop this following the delivery of the Summit and the YOE. • It was reiterated that NC is a great vehicle and it was agreed to reflect on and review the original T of R including membership and being aware that conflicts of interest may exist – explore how NC may fit in with the sustainability and climate action plan – who will be involved in terms of NC. • It was suggested that the Natural Capital work and Climate Emergency declarations may be significant in prompting an increased role for NC as the CA will need to report the impact on natural capital during decision making. • It was suggested that we could explore whether NC could be positioned to scrutinise assessments e.g. Natural Capital assessments - with suitably qualified people from the NC Board being asked to take part in the scrutiny. This scrutiny should occur before and not after planning decisions. • It was recognised that NC does not have any dedicated project officers – and therefore to be effective in any scrutiny role we would need to be creative • It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be in January 2020 – reflecting on the mood music from the CA and the YOE. This will inform a half day work shop to be held at the end of January / early February which will help develop the position of NC with consideration to the points made above. 	All NC Board members
7.0	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>N/A</p>	



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8.0	Next Meeting: 1:00 p.m. 15 th January 2020 Room TBC	