

NATURE CONNECTED BOARD MEETING NOTES AND ACTIONS

Date:	11 th December 2018	
Present:	Gideon Ben-Tovim (GBT)	Chair
	Gaynor Murphy	UU
	Tim Jones	SHMBC
	Omoniyi Green	EA
	Steven Sykes	MET
	Alan Jemmett	MEAS
	Jo Holden	Peel
	Fiona Whitfield	LWT
	Andy Darron	Groundwork
	Caroline Riley	Mersey River Trust
	Peter Batey	Mersey River Trust
	Nick Thompson	CPRE
	Alan Carter	Land Trust
	Caroline Holmes	KMBC
	Com Bowe	LJMU
	Paul Nolan	The Mersey Forest
Apologies:	Christine Darbyshire	
	Richard Mawdsley	
Circulation:	As above and Board members.	
Item	Comments	Action
1.0	Welcome and Introductions	
2.0	Apologies: As above.	
3.0	Minutes of previous meeting Minutes agreed	
4.0	Spatial Development Plan Several Board members attended the recent event that introduced the Spatial Development Plan for the City Region. The Plan is being managed by Mark Dickens and it is a statutory requirement for the Combined Authority. The Plan will be developed over	

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	<p>the next couple of years and eventually has to be signed off by all six LCR local authorities.</p> <p>Green and Blue Infrastructure are seen as being important elements of the Spatial Plan.</p> <p>There is a call for evidence to support the development of the Plan. It was agreed that a task and finish group be convened by CB to look at the evidence base and also to start to set out what Nature Connected might wish to achieve through the Spatial Plan.</p>	CB
5.0	<p>Colm's Secondment</p> <p>CB has gained funding for a 10 month placement to try to embed Natural Capital approach into the city region plans and strategies. This will include a review of existing policy and potentially future policy and assess opportunities for future funding through, for example, successor funds to CAP.</p> <p>CB will develop case studies and also look at other city regions, such as Manchester, to identify opportunities for learning.</p> <p>Workshops will be held to disseminate the information that is gained.</p> <p>JH suggested that the Natural Capital audit of Liverpool Waters would be a good case study to consider.</p> <p>AC and GM also highlighted work that their organisations are doing to evaluate natural capital.</p> <p>AJ and PN suggested that the data and evidence base for the Ecological Framework and GI Framework for city region could be a useful baseline.</p> <p>OG thought that EA would have a significant amount of data and work underway across the organisation looking at natural capital.</p> <p>SS mentioned the current consultation on Net Gain was an important element of this work. A response has to be provided by 10th Feb 2019.</p> <p>CB to coordinate response by Nature Connected and set up one to one interviews with NC Board members.</p>	CB
6.0	<p>Natural Health Service</p> <p>PN provided a brief update on the delivery of the Natural Health Service. One strand of the programme has now been completed and the impact report produced.</p> <p>More information from website https://naturalhealthservice.org.uk/wordpress/</p>	

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	<p>and the report is available here – https://naturalhealthservice.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Natural-Health-Service-four-key-facts.pdf</p> <p>Two PhDs are being written up at the moment, each focusses on a different strand of the Natural Health Service programme. Positive impacts on wellbeing and physical activity are reported across the programme.</p>	
7.0	<p>AOB</p> <p>NT informed the Board about work that CPRE are leading which will look at Community Led Regeneration and how greenfield sites might be safeguarded by identifying more brownfield land.</p> <p>The new £1m fund to develop pocket parks was mentioned – https://www.gov.uk/government/news/1-million-funding-for-communities-to-create-their-own-pocket-parks</p> <p>GBT also reminded the Board about the launch of the Year of Environment launch on 11th January at the combined Authority. Nick Drew, who is coordinating the year will be in contact with Board members about the event.</p>	
8.0	<p>Next Board Meeting:</p> <p>13th March, 2019</p> <p>Venue: Arup</p>	