

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

<b>Date:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	
<b>Present:</b>	Dr Alan Jemmett (AJ)	Merseyside Environmental Advisory
	Tim Jones (TJ)	St Helen's Council
	John Dempsey (JD)	Green Sefton
	Fiona Whitfield (FW)	LWT
	Don Thompson (DT)	Merseyside Environmental Trust
	Dr Geoff Woodcock (GW)	Merseyside Environmental Trust
	Michelle Whalley (MW)	Mersey Forest
	Michelle Cameron (MCa)	Liverpool Chamber of Commerce
<b>Apologies:</b>	Alison Ball (AB)	Arup & Partners Ltd
	Garry Banks (GB)	Arup & Partners Ltd
	Prof. Peter Batey (PPB)	University of Liverpool
	Gideon Ben-Tovim (GBT)	Chair
	Alan Carter (AC)	The Land Trust
	Jackie Copley (JC)	Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
	Christine Darbyshire (CD)	Liverpool City Council
	Nick Drew (ND)	Wirral Council
	Jo Holden (JH)	Peel Holdings
	Caroline Holmes (CH)	Knowsley Council
	Simon Hurst (SH)	Environment Agency
	Huw Jenkins (HW)	Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
	Steve Leonard (SL)	Mersey Travel
	Richard Mawdsley (RM)	Peel Group

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	Gaynor Murphy (GM)	United Utilities
	Paul Nolan (PN)	The Mersey Forest
	Caroline Riley (CR)	Healthy Waterways Trust
	Anne Selby (AS)	The Wildlife Trust
	David Stevenson (DS)	Wirral Council
	Stephen Sykes (SS)	EMANSYS
	Iain Taylor (IT)	NW FWAC
	Don Thompson (DT)	Merseyside Environmental Trust
	Nick Thompson (NT)	Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
	Mary Worrall (MW)	Wirral Council
	Paul Wright (PW)	Halton Borough Council
<b>Circulation:</b>	As above and Board members.	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.0	<b>Introductions</b>	
2.0	<b>Apologies:</b> As above.	
3.0	<p><b>ESIF Programme:</b>            MW updated the group on a current LCR ESIF which is moving into the delivery phase “ESIF Whole Place Low Carbon Solutions for Liverpool City Region” which will be delivered by a number of partners including The Mersey Forest, Liverpool City Council, Peel Group, Wirral Borough Council, The Bluecoat and Cheshire West and Chester Council. The aim of the project is to contribute to the development of the low carbon agenda through the reduction of 32 tonnes p.a. of O2 emissions – this will be achieved through 4 interventions. For further info please contact <a href="mailto:Carl.Smethurst@merseyforest.org.uk">Carl.Smethurst@merseyforest.org.uk</a></p> <p>AJ briefed the group on the wider LCR ESIF programme which focusses on energy efficiency and generation of buildings. The fund is likely to be in the region of £30 – 34 million. Further updates will be delivered.</p>	

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<p>4.0</p>	<p><b>Spatial Development Plan Update:</b> A brief update was provided from members which indicated that the strategy is still in an early phase. I.e. – initial engagement, evidence and information gathering. There is neutrality as to whether evidence gathered will be utilised.</p> <p>Capacity in developing the plan at this point is limited and therefore suggestions were made that help could be welcomed.</p> <p>The main strategic focus of the plan will cover: Housing Transport Employment</p> <p>And therefore members agreed it was key that Nature Connected could play a role in influencing the scope to ensure that Blue / Green infrastructure is weighted.</p> <p>It was suggested that there needs to be a consensus amongst partners as to how best to represent this – for example Natural Capital / Social Capital – and who would be best placed to take this forward.</p> <p>Other discussions under this item circulated on the recognition that a number of significant strategically important schemes are being developed within LCR including Rimrose Valley, Merseytidal, Green Wedges etc.</p> <p>This promoted discussions around what NC’s role could be within these developments –how we maximise our influence, should NC have a role to ensure that environmental mitigations take place</p> <p>It was discussed that links with the LEP could be strengthened and perhaps key speakers could be invited to present on specific projects e.g. Mersey Tidal.</p>	<p>To include on the next agenda a discussion on the SDS and NC asks for that e.g. GI/Blue, nett gain, natural capital etc so that we can be clear on what our “policy asks of the SDS” are.</p> <p>The next Board meeting will include a collaborative workshop to discuss and determine NC position on strategic environmental projects such as Seaforth, tidal, green wedges and Rimrose. Possibly review NC Terms of Reference to include a wider influencing remit.</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p><b>Mersey Tidal Project Update:</b> It is expected that a decision is imminent in terms of the appointment of the team who will undertake the next phase of the feasibility study. Currently there is a process of stakeholder engagement.</p>	<p>Carry over for further update at next meeting</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p><b>Natural Capital Deal 2:</b> Item carried forward</p>	<p>CB to circulate brief on NC project to members.</p>
<p>9.0</p>	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> 1:00 p.m. 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019</p>	