

Devon LNP Board meeting 3rd June 2013

Minutes

Present: Sue Goodfellow (Chair), Dr Virginia Pearson, Corinna Woodall, Elaine Cook, Professor Martin Attrill, Harry Barton, Nicola Bulbeck, James Diamond, Robin Milton,

In attendance: Peter Chamberlain, Sarah Jennings, Mark Lane (all Secretariat and Exec Group members)
Invitees: Ian Tearle (Public Health, DCC), George Marshall (Planning, DCC), Simon Hooton (Ash Futures)

1. Update on actions from last meeting

- Sue Goodfellow has been appointed as Chair of the LNP and was welcomed by the Board.
- Agreed that Sue would sit on the LEP's Water and Environment Group.
- IFCA has agreed to sit on the proposed marine task and finish group.
- HB has updated the LNP marine paper and is organising a date to discuss with MA.
- State of Nature to be sent out for consultation in July.
- State of Environment report is behind schedule due to staffing issues within the consultancy. Draft now likely to be sent out for consultation in late summer.
- PC and Mark Robins attended the joint regional LNP/LEP event with Tim Jones and Stephen Bird.
- LNP 'Business Plan' workshop held on 16th April.

2. Health and Wellbeing

Ian Tearle (Public Health Policy Team, DCC) gave a presentation on the health sector and health pathways in the context of the LNP.

Discussion: A significant win for health would be to increase outdoor activity. The importance of working with schools (links to farming? / 'free range children') and workplaces was emphasised. Multiple approaches needed. Synergy between the LNP and Health and Wellbeing Boards needs to be increased. The Food for Life Project is a good case study, and is sponsored by Public Health. Something unique with wide appeal is needed, linked to a flagship project. There are currently lots of health related projects across Devon but the problem is that they are fragmented / isolated. Would be good to put case studies on the LNP website. Links should be made to Neighbourhood Plans and Community Plans.

Actions:

- **Sec** to put IT's presentation on the LNP website
- **Sec** to amend Compact following discussion and ensure that it is signed off.

3. Duty to Co-operate

George Marshall (Planning team, DCC) gave a presentation on the Devon wide (including Torbay and Plymouth) co-operation protocol being developed to take forward the duty to co-operate in relation to the planning of sustainable development. The protocol identifies principles and mechanisms for co-operation between LAs (including the two National Parks), LEP, LNP and possibly statutory bodies such as NE and EA. Proposed draft wording for the LNP section of the plan was discussed.

LNPs (along with LEPs) are 'prescribed bodies' which have a duty to co-operate in relation to the planning of sustainable development under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, 2004. This relates to development plans, marine plans and related activities.

Actions:

- **Board** to send any thoughts on the draft wording to Sec within a week.
- **Sec** to finalise wording in the protocol based on the discussion (timeframe to be agreed with George) and Chair to sign it off.

4. Draft LNP Business Plan

Simon Hooton and PC gave an update on work to date which was followed by a discussion of the draft Plan.

Actions:

- **Sec** to write up Board comments and send to SH.
- **Board** to send through further comments to Sec and to meet in ~ one month's time to discuss SH's next draft and agree clear outputs / priorities. Sec to organise the meeting.

5. EU Investment Strategy

PC presented a paper giving an overview of European Structural and Investment Fund Strategies (EU SIFS). The strategies will set out how LEP's intend to use their allocation of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), European Social Fund (ESF) and, (a small part of) European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) to deliver smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. Draft strategies are to be prepared by 7th October 2013. Note that they do not include the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund. LEPs have been told that they need to engage a wide range of partners in this process, including LNPs.

The South West Environment Network (SWEN) has offered to pay for a few days of an economist (Esther Kieboom) to work with each LNP on the SIFS. SWEN has also commissioned Esther to produce a *Framework for identifying investment opportunities for EU Growth Fund*. Note that Dave Crosen, EA, is working with the LEP.

RSPB (Mark Robins) and the Wildlife Trusts (Simon Bremnan) have produced a discussion document entitled, '*Nature as an Engine for Growth in the South West*'. This includes a list of 'top ten starting points' for discussion.

Actions:

- **Sec** to take forward actions in PC's paper including organising a meeting with Somerset and Plymouth LNPs and Esther Kieboom in order to produce a joint LNP paper which can be discussed with the LEP / fed into the EU SIFS consultation process.
- **SG** to meet Tim Jones to discuss joint working with the LEP, including how the LNPs can together help the LEP to produce the SIFS.

6. Structure and Operation of the LNP

- a. Task and Finish Groups
- b. LNP Forum

SJ presented a paper setting out proposed terms of reference for task and finish groups and a proposed approach to developing the LNP Forum.

Actions:

- **Sec** to add terms of ref for task and finish groups to the LNP terms of reference.
- **DWT** to convene a marine task and finish group (HB and MA = Board leads)
- **DCC** to convene a health task and finish group (VP = Board lead)
- **DCC** to convene a green economy task and finish group with Somerset and Plymouth LNPs (SG = Board lead)
- **Sec** to set up the LNP Forum using the existing contacts list. Anyone who does not want to be on the Forum is given the option to opt out.

7. Interim Plan – update

Action:

- **Sec** to put the updated Action Plan onto the LNP website.

Next Board meeting – 2nd September, 3pm, County Hall