

DORSET LNP BOARD MEETING

Wednesday 19 June 2019 - 2pm-4.30pm

Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester, DT2 8PY

Board Members

WB	Will Bond	Holme Estate / Alaska Ecological Contracting Ltd / CLA (Vice Chair)
AC	Angela Cott	National Trust
SC	Simon Cripps	Dorset Wildlife Trust (Chair)
PM	Peter Moore	Butterfly Conservation (Co-opted member – attending in a voluntary capacity)
LR	Luke Rake	Dorset LEP / Kingston Maurward College
FR	Felicity Rice	Councillor – BCP Council
SR	Sam Rose	Jurassic Coast Trust (Co-opted member)
JW	Jim White	Dorset AONB Partnership
SW	Simon Williams	Independent Consultant

Officer Working Group Members

KB	Ken Buchan	Dorset Council
MC	Maria Clarke	DLNP (LNP Manager)
ID	Imogen Davenport	Dorset Wildlife Trust
RP	Rachel Partridge	Public Health Dorset
KR	Kate Ryan	BCP Council
MR	Michael Rowland	BCP Council
KT	Kate Tobin	Forestry Commission
LT	Lynn Toman	Dorset Wildlife Trust
MW	Martin Whitchurch	BCP Council

In attendance

AL	Antony Littlechild	Dorset Council
JP	James Peacock	EnTrade

Apologies for absence:

RB	Ray Bryan	Councillor – Dorset Council
PB	Paul Buckley	RSPB
DH	David Haines	Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board / Swanage GP
BH	Bob Huggins	Formerly Dorset Coast Forum
JM	Jenny Myers	Formerly Kingston Maurward College
AP	Angela Pooley	SUSTAIN & Bournemouth 2026 Trust
IA	Ian Alexander	Natural England
KB	Kath Burt	Environment Agency
TM	Tom Munro	Dorset AONB
AP	Andrew Pollard	Dorset Wildlife Trust

ITEM 1: INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

There were no declarations of interest.

ITEM 2: SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING

Full minutes circulated in May.

Actions from March 2019 Board meeting

ITEM 4: DORSET 25 YEP AND LNP ANNUAL FORUM FEEDBACK

Action	Action Owner	Due Date	Progress
Send out chapters of the tracked, edited Dorset 25 YEP document to authors for them to consider and then send their chapter back to SC.	SC/All	10 April 2019	Completed – for discussion at the June Board meeting
Send out/put on web the 2 nd draft of Dorset 25 YEP document to the wider forum for further comments within a defined framework.	SC	End May 2019	

ITEM 9: DRAFT LNP ANNUAL REPORT

Action	Action Owner	Due Date	Progress
Send other examples for the LNP Annual report to MC.	All	17 May 2019	Completed

ITEM 11: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Action	Action Owner	Due Date	Progress
MC to contact independent Board members to confirm ongoing board membership	MC	10 April 2019	Completed

ITEM 4: DORSET LOCAL INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY was item 3 on the agenda

LR noted that Government has a core Industrial Strategy which is now being delegated down and defined on a localism agenda. The vehicle for this are the LEP's. Dorset LEP are therefore developing their Local Industrial Strategy (LIS). It is due to be published at the end of this year. Meetings are being held to gather additional evidence. The LEP will be feeding in a variety of environmental concerns. The Dorset LEP produced a document, Horizons 2038. Part of this is looking at economic opportunities for the county, including clean growth, financial services, rural economy and housing – DLNP fed into this document. The question is, how can we meet the government's grand challenges around: artificial intelligence and data; ageing society; clean growth; and future of mobility with a Dorset focus.

The door is open for the submission of new evidence and thoughts. Part of this is the LNP's Voices of Dorset.

Comments were:

- SW said that a LEP officer attended a Dorset Strategic Planning Forum recently and the council members from the authorities around the table were extremely concerned and critical with a sense of déjà vu, that the strategy was going to be heavily weighted towards the conurbation and that the far West of Dorset was not a priority and that the jam needs to be spread more evenly. Government departments tend to be decision makers and there was also concern on how 'local' the decision making will be for this strategy. LR said that the concerns are shared especially in terms of perception about where money has gone in the past but thinks that we should be looking forward rather than back. Three out of four recent LEP grants have been given to rural areas. The members view might be with a greater degree of clarity now that there are two unitary authorities. The LEP do not have a large number of rural members and could do with some more.
- WB said that the LEP's written information, in the general domain, is way behind their way of thinking. LR said that this is a challenge and will feed this back. WB also said that understanding could be a problem with the way this is written on the LEP website because of the language used. LR will feed this back.
- SC expressed concern that the staff at LEP are not on the same page as the Board in a number of respects. The first concern was that Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) seems to be setting what the priority is in Dorset and leading this. The staff's view is that needs to be followed but the Board is probably not thinking this way. Along with this is a focused requirement. SC hopes that the LEP Board decide what the priorities will be for Dorset, rather than just BEIS who should be advising on overall priorities. LR said that LEP is a function to deliver government aims and strategy but should reflect the local area. SC's second concern was about including the environment in the plan. A comment heard from one LEP officer was do not worry if environment is not included, it is important and the LEP can still support the environment in other ways. SC realises that the headings are not on the environment, but that environment should be incorporated in the LIS as this is an important aspect for Dorset. LR said that he has not personally experienced this view with the officer group. Any draft LIS will be shared with the LNP. SC said that if this is to be an excellent proposal it has to have environment included.
- FR expressed her concern that the plan is still fundamentally focused on economic growth, when the government has announced a climate emergency. LR said that the LEP was created to create more jobs and drive economic growth in Dorset through public and private sector partnership. Environmental aims can and should be incorporated. SC said that LEP needs to play the game to get the money. Part of the problem is with central government. LR said that hopefully the LIS will generate growth at the same time as delivering environmental enhancement.
- It was pointed out that the whole point of the LNP is to bring to the discussion the basis of society which is environment and also opportunities represented by the green economy etc. LR said that he has met with the green economy. He believes that the Local Industrial Strategy should be called the Local Innovation Strategy which potentially enables a lot more to be done.
- MC had heard an officer at the LEP say that they do not have to include environment as they have to play the game to deliver the BEIS priorities. MC quoted from the first LIS to be published from the West Midlands "*The West Midlands will seek to use innovative solutions to address urban challenges like air quality warfare, flood water management, over heating in urban areas and climate change adaptation we will green existing transport routes improving access to walking and cycling. They will remain committed to developing a long-term plan for Natural Capital and to the principle of an annual net gain for Natural Capital developing the tools to enable us to work towards reversing the current trend of biodiversity loss.*" This LIS has been approved by Government, which demonstrated that environment can be included and still play the game. LR said that sustainability is in the Horizon 2038

document. LR is very concerned that MC has heard an LEP officer say this and that this is not the Boards view. LR will feed this back to the LEP.

- FR said that with regard to higher paid jobs, how much emphasis is on equality in terms of growth of sectors with traditionally male or female roles. LR said that this is a really interesting point and will take this forward and ask some questions.
- AL asked what the mechanisms are to feed in evidence. LR asked if this can be though him.
- RP asked where is best to plug something in from a health perspective. LR asked for this to be sent to him please.
- SR asked where the current strategy is available. LR said that Horizon 2038 document is available.

Action	Action Owner	Due Date
Circulate link to the Horizon's 2038 Report: https://bit.ly/2TstoTh	MC	Mid-July

ITEM 3: CHAIR'S REPORT was item 3 on the agenda

SC noted his report and highlighted the following (full report within the circulated papers):

- SC thanked all those involved in what has been a really busy quarter for the LNP. There is much more impact with a collective voice.
- Local Authorities amongst others are continuing work on development. The Local Industrial Strategy is an important direction setter and it is important to put work into this now and to get it right rather than fight it for years to come.
- SC was invited, via the AONB, to talk to Wiltshire LEP on a Natural Capital Investment Strategy, because they wish to produce something similar.
- The Dorset LEP have appointed a consultant who was the CE of the Cornwall LEP. Her role is to find out who the LEP should be consulting with and on what issues to support the development of the LIS.
- DLNP has been invited to write a blog for the Dorset LEP – SC is drafting this.
- MC attended A LIS workshop.
- There is a need to get across the importance of the environment in a variety of ways. DLNP will submit the following evidence to inform the LIS: 1.LNP Natural Capital Investment Strategy 2.DCC Environmental Economy Report 3. Consultation document 4. Voices for Dorset document 5. Updated Natural Value Report.
- A good climate change adaptation conference was on 18th June, run jointly between LNP and LEP (see agenda item 9).
- Several attended, on behalf of their own organisation and the LNP, a Bournemouth Conference: *Trends in Natural Capital, Ecosystem Services and Economic Development in Dorset* – the tipping points for agriculture in terms of environmental damage, climate change that will impact on our economy. The top line message analysed the loss of biodiversity, loss of grasses, fragmentation etc. A lot of tipping points were post war, so have already been passed. Good news is that the biggest losses can be levelled off before we crash. SC recommend at least scanning the Bournemouth report. ID said that there is a collection of research papers. MC to circulate the final report (MC noted that this would be added to a future LNP newsletter).
- A meeting took place between the LEP's Rural Enterprise Group, LNP and Dorset Catchment Partnership chairs to look at improved coordination between the groups. The Dorset Catchment Partnership is helping in the presentation of the Stour Valley Park project to the LEP. As an example, it was discussed whether this partnership should be used to get across natural capital.
- Progress on Voices of Dorset document (see agenda item 9).

- RP highlighted Naturally Healthy Month in May as an excellent series of partnership events / promotion across Dorset and thanked MC and other team members that helped turn this into a reality.
- ID mentioned that the LNP are feeding into the Nature Recovery Networks, behind the scenes. There has been an informal consultation from Defra. Hoping to kick off some work in Dorset visioning what a Nature Recovery Network might look like but have not successful in getting funding yet. Waiting for further advice from Defra.

Action	Action Owner	Due Date
Circulate the Bournemouth University report with the minutes from this meeting: www.dorsetlnp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/TPAL-Dorset-Natural-Capital-Trends-Report-2019.pdf	MC	August

ITEM 5: ENVIRONMENT LAND MANAGEMENT SCHEMES – TEST AND TRIAL

James Peacock (JP) is a project manager for EnTrade and came to talk about the Natural Capital auctions which will be running in the Poole Harbour catchment this year. This is expected to be a test and trial for Defra’s Environment land Management Scheme (ELMS) which will replace the current subsidy system post Brexit. It is still awaiting official confirmation from Defra to go ahead.

EnTrade is an online environmental market looking to deliver for the environment through partnering buyers who want some kind of environmental service with farmers and landowners who can deliver the environmental services the buyers are looking for. After they are matched up, markets are created to find an overall market price for the environmental outcomes to be achieved. They provide advice to help farmers to deliver these environmental outcomes. EnTrade started with a pilot scheme in Poole Harbour but is now working nationally. This trial will be their first full natural capital approach rather than a singular outcome. It will be within Poole Harbour catchment and deliver a range of (and multiple benefit) environmental measures. These measures deliver on reducing nitrates, for water quality and they also deliver for biodiversity. The main project sponsor is Wessex Water (WW). WW will take these measures to farmers and prioritise where the measures go, in using a series of maps; top soil carbon stocks, soil erosion protection and pollination service. A reverse auction will take place. EnTrade are looking to start the project in November regardless of whether they get funding from the test and trials process or not.

Comments:

- KT asked how it would work if a farmer was choosing between arable and woodland creation work. JP said it depends on how the five environmental outcomes are weighted but that they have not gone through this process yet. It also depends on what outcomes the client wants.
- KR asked if EnTrade are in conversations with planners and EA because of the nitrate issue in Poole Harbour (and similar issues in the Hampshire area). JP said that he has spoken to all of them. With WW it is simple as the company is owned by them and they trust EnTrade to deliver the nitrate reductions, but the Councils are asking for this in perpetuity. The maximum contract they are working to is 5 or 10 years for woodland, but the Council is thinking 50-100 years which EnTrade cannot deliver at the moment.
- SW asked who pays the money. JP said, that it is whoever requires the environmental outcome. This is WW on this project but are talking to EA and other funders. EnTrade acts as a broker.
- PM asked what the business aspirations are. JP said that it is small scale at the moment, with 200 farmers. The 10-year vision is to pull in private funding into environment to legitimise this environmental spending.

- KT wondered about conflict between funders. JP is conscious that this will happen the more funders that are brought on. EnTrade has run a co-funded scheme with NE in 2017 as an experiment.
- WB said, with his CLA and NFU hat on, there are 5% of farmers who do not see why they should change their habits at all. 45% who will go with the flow. 50% are unhappy with the way things are at the moment and are looking forward to a new way of delivering services and being rewarded for it. The more people competing for the same services and using a holistic approach the better. But disagrees with going on web platform and prefers personal contact. JP agrees that the platform is not a replacement for farm advisors. This is a critical part of the process.
- FR wanted to know more on the business structure and is wary on any business that just wants to make money. JP said that EnTrade is wholly owned by WW. Their aim is to make money and the easiest way for them to do this is to build something. WW are forward thinking, and JP believes that WW are trying to make water companies more sustainable. The private sector is needed to avoid tipping points.
- SC asked if a group of developers could determine what they want to pay for. JP said yes, there is a big market around net gain and the individual requirements of developers will vary. SC said that this could work at a national level. Triodos bank, for example, could be a broker between a bunch of investors. JP said that they have talked about environment impact bonds.
- JW asked about quality control on advice and if there is anyway of judging the value of a particular scheme. JP said that this is something they are looking at, by combining self-assessment (via an app) with advice from the farm advisor not an assessor. There will be some sort of auditing process.
- ID asked how they quality control and assess what is happening to a particular area now and how is this current information known. JP said that they are using national data sets and local expert knowledge (e.g. catchment partnerships and WW staff). They are thinking about how this translates into a National model and the potential to work with other partners to ground truth.

Action	Action Owner	Due Date
To keep LNP updated on progress	MC / JP	Ongoing

ITEM 6: INVESTABLE LANDSCAPES

This item did not take place as AP is ill.

Action	Action Owner	Due Date
To add to a future LNP Board agenda	MC	Mid-July 2019

ITEM 7: LOW CARBON DORSET PROGRAMME

Antony Littlechild (AL) is the Programme Manager for the Low Carbon Dorset Programme which covers Dorset and BCP council areas. The grants panel for applications over £200k and those from Dorset Council is run by the LNP. AL asked for more Board members for the grants panel. This is an EU funded programme for applications is run by Dorset Council in conjunction with Dorset AONB. It is a programme aimed at trying to support the growth of Dorset's low carbon economy. It's aim is to reduce Dorset's carbon footprint by helping organisation to install energy efficiency measures and renewable energy measures. It does this in two ways: 1) advice from a team of technical advisors that go out and support organisations to look at what they can do within their buildings, opportunities they

have and provide some recommendations on how they can reduce their carbon footprint by using renewable energy and 2) a grant fund which can be applied for, for 40% towards their project costs. The fund has £2,500,000 to allocate and can support up to £5,500,000 worth of projects. The project runs until the end of 2020. Trying to support organisations in Dorset in the following areas: community; public sector; and private business. The objectives are to supporting 100 businesses (to date the programme has supported about half of this target), spend £5,000,000 on low carbon projects, (again just over half the target met), support the installation of 3Mw of new renewable energy capacity in Dorset, support public sector to come up with some innovative projects to improve their energy efficiency, support business to come forward with five new ideas. There is an overall carbon target and to support 50 houses to reduce their carbon emissions. The project has received 200 applicants in 18 months. There is a pipeline of projects for more than the pot of money, but not all will come to fruition. AN LNP Panel has met twice, have received training and have approved five projects. One of which has decided not to go ahead. £1,800,000 have gone through the panel.

Comments:

- PM asked about the public sector and why there are limited applications from that sector. AL explained that the requirements from the EU are quite complex and they are looking at innovative projects. Dorset Council are working on four projects, one of which should come to the next grants panel meeting in July. These projects take a long time to develop. Hospitals have gone through quite a lot of change and some have entered into big energy service contracts, so limited progress is being made there. Looking at working with Bournemouth Hospital with their waste heat. Changing tools to solar power tools.
- SR asked about the next step, what is being done to encourage investors, what is the exit strategy without government cash. AL is talking with CLG about extending the project.
- AL said that technically about half of the money is left. On a first come first served basis.
- KB wanted to encourage people to join the LNP Panel – a quick turnaround is needed for many applications because they may be linked to other funding sources which may be time limited.
- MC said that the next meeting is Friday 5th July. Five panel members are needed to be quorate. MC asked people to reply to doodle polls and to please confirm or decline attendance. These meetings can be done by teleconference, although not ideal.

Action	Action Owner	Due Date
All Board members and officers to confirm if they can attend the 5 July panel meeting	All	End June
All Board members and officers to respond to meeting proposals for future panel meeting	All	Ongoing

ITEM 8: VOICES OF DORSET’S 25 YEAR ENVIRONMENT PLAN

SC thanked everyone for feeding into the Voices of Dorset document.

Feedback:

- SR said that there is a lack of Dorset geodiversity representation. Sam Scriven (Jurassic Coast Trust) has been asked to write something 600 words or less. This has not been received yet and SR will chase for this.
- ID said that the title could sound like it is saying that this is a representation of people of Dorset. The suggested title of Voices for Dorset was agreed.
- JW said that Tom Munro is the manager not director of Dorset AONB. JW’s correct title is the Chair of the Partnership Board of AONB

- KR asked if, greening our towns and cities and encouraging children to be close to nature in and out of school have been tasked. MC said that these have been tasked but not yet received. KR asked for these to be chased and to copy her into the email.
- WB asked about publishing times. SC hopes to get this out in the new few months.

SC said that this is a transparent attempt to show Defra & Rebecca Waite that Dorset is leading on this delivery. It was thought that if any politician is included in the document foreword, it will be out of date quickly. It was suggested that it would be better to include someone non-political and ideally linked to Dorset. Suggestions were Mark Carwardine, James Lovelock, the new Chair of NE, Tony Juniper.

SC asked about the document format. SC said that because it is a wordy document, he would like to go with a different design to look quirky and different on each page. MC would like this to be an LNP design to stay on brand. It was suggested that two columns of A4 with pictures would make it user friendly. The publication will be primarily online with a paper version going to LEP Board members. It will be launched at an appropriate significant time.

Action	Action Owner	Due Date
Follow up on green infrastructure and children and nature sections	MC	End June
Finalise text and design of the Voice for Dorset	SC/MC	End July

ITEM 9: DORSET CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION FRAMEWORK – UPDATE FROM WORKSHOP

MC said that this joint event by LNP and LEP was supported by Chapman Lily Planning Ltd and Kingston Maurward College. Its aim was to bring people together to raise the profile on climate change adaptation, the importance of collaborative working and to try and gain some consensus and discussion on how to take this forward. It was attended by about 80 people. These included officers, the leader and portfolio holder / cabinet members for environment from both Councils and a range of other partners. AL gave a presentation about the Met Office’s UK Climate Projects 2019, MC gave a presentation on the Commission for Climate Change’s Climate Change Risk Assessment, Chris Skelly from Public Health Dorset gave a report on Resilience Frontiers launched by the United Nations. There were workshop sessions with the themes of natural environment & natural assets, infrastructure, business & industry and people & the built environment.

All the presentations will be added to the LNP website. MC has arranged for the information from the workshop session to be collated. There will be a feedback survey circulated to attendees. This will all be brought together and look at how to move forward with collaborative working on adaptation in Dorset.

Comments:

- KB said that this was well attended, by a good cross section of people. There were some useful and good conversations.
- SC said that it was a shame that the private sector was not represented more.
- FR said that the way that decisions are made, fundamentally, needs to change and there are discussions about citizens assemblies in BCP and wonders if this can be taken forward as it is not done much in the UK. SC feels that things will move forward now. MC said that the councils, rather than the LNP, will need to lead on this.
- ID said that the LNP can help by looking at the interactions and overlaps in some sectors, making sure that cross thinking happens. Produce something that is overarching to stop silo thinking and create integrated thinking.

Action	Action Owner	Due Date
Follow up work to taken to take the collaborative working forward – including feedback survey, presentations to be added to the website and a workshop report to be developed.	MC	Sept 2019

ITEM 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- SR noted that he was stepping down as Chief Executive of the Jurassic Coast Trust at end of June (and therefore the LNP) and thanked the LNP for their support.
- SC proposed Fiona Bowles who Chairs the Dorset Catchment Partnerships as a new co-opted LNP member. She would bring expertise on catchment partnership and water. All Board members agreed.
- FR is looking for some help with reviewing a large project and needs somebody with skills to review this project's carbon footprint. An environmental impact assessment has been done. The data analysis on this project is heavily towards car travel. It was suggested to contact Simon Hooton at Ash Futures.
- MW said that Future Parks Accelerator project had their National launch this week. The BCP Council in one of a cohort of eight successful projects. They have received £700,000 of funding, which will include support for the Stour Valley Park. This is not for any capital work but revenue work. The work will be brought to the LNP in the future. The project is supported financially by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (formerly Heritage Lottery Fund) and in-kind by the NT.
- MC has been contacted by Bug Life who are doing a project on B Lines in Dorset. They would like the LNP to be involved in the mapping work and getting people together.
- SC asked the Officers to impress on and encourage Councillors and portfolio holders to attend LNP meetings. There is space for two councillors. The LNP need some direction on substitutes.

Action	Action Owner	Due Date
Invite Fiona Bowles onto the LNP as a co-opted member.	SC	June 2019
Pass on contact details for Simon Hooton at Ash Futures to BCP	MC	End June
Add Future Parks Accelerator to a future LNP Board meeting	MC	End July
Follow up on the Bug Life B-Lines project	MC	End July

ITEM 11: DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- Wednesday 11 Sept. 2019: 14:00-16:30 Upton House, Poole
- Wednesday 11 Dec. 2019: 14:00-16:30 Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester
- Wednesday 11 Mar. 2020: 14:00-16:30 Brooklands Farm, Forston, Dorchester
- Wednesday 10 June 2020: 14:00-16:30 Brownsea Island

Meeting ended 16:25