

## DORSET LNP BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday 11 December 2019 - 2pm-4.30pm**

Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester, DT2 8PY

### Board Members

WB	Will Bond	Holme Estate / Alaska Ecological Contracting Ltd / CLA (Vice Chair)
FB	Fiona Bowles	Dorset Catchment Partnerships
PB	Paul Buckley	RSPB
SC	Simon Cripps	Dorset Wildlife Trust (Chair)
BH	Bob Huggins	Formerly Dorset Coast Forum
LR	Luke Rake	Dorset LEP / Kingston Maurward College
SW	Simon Williams	Independent Consultant

### Officer Working Group Members

IA	Ian Alexander	Natural England
MC	Maria Clarke	DLNP (LNP Manager)
ID	Imogen Davenport	Dorset Wildlife Trust
TM	Tom Munro	Dorset AONB
RP	Rachel Partridge	Public Health Dorset
KP	Karyn Punchard	Dorset Council
KR	Kate Ryan	BCP Council

### Observing:

JP	Josey Parish	DAPCT Purbeck Area
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### Apologies for absence:

RB	Ray Bryan	Councillor – Dorset Council
KB	Kath Burt	Environment Agency
AC	Angela Cott	National Trust
DH	David Haines	Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board / Swanage GP
PM	Peter Moore	Independent Rep (Co-opted member)
JM	Jenny Myers	Independent Rep
AP	Angela Pooley	SUSTAIN & Bournemouth 2026 Trust
FR	Felicity Rice	Councillor – BCP Council
JW	Jim White	Dorset AONB Partnership

### ITEM 1: INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

SC welcomed new Board and officer members and observer Josey Parish who will be feeding back to the Purbeck Committee of Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils. There were no declarations of interest.

### ITEM 2: CONFIRMATION/ELECTION OF LNP CHAIR

SC explained the change in his work circumstances, he is currently taking a sabbatical for 6 months. He asked if the Board wished him to stand down as Chair in case they had chosen him to chair due to his role at DWT. He was happy to continue as chair, but equally happy, having been chair for several years, to pass on to someone else. SC left the room.

Following a discussion, the Board agreed they were very happy to take up Simon's offer to continue as Chair and were very happy with his work in the role.

PB raised the issue that many board members were due to complete their terms of office soon. MC noted that March 2020 would be the end of the second year of the third 3-year term for most Board members. The ToR state that Board members can stand for a maximum of 3 terms. Therefore, the majority of the independent Board members final term would end in March 2021. MC said there was a plan to discuss succession planning at the March Board meeting.

### ITEM 3: SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETING ACTIONS 11 SEPTEMBER AND MATTERS ARISING

#### ITEM 3: CHAIR'S REPORT

Action	Action Owner	Due Date	Update
Include work of the LNP in discussions with Chamber of Commerce.	AC	tbc	MC to follow up action with AC
Finalise, design and publish the Voices for Dorset document.	SC / MC	Oct	Ongoing – discussion to be held at the December Board meeting to finalise conclusions

#### ITEM 4: FUTURE PARKS ACCELERATOR

Action	Action Owner	Due Date	Update
BCP to involve LNP Board and Officers as relevant and to keep LNP Board informed of project progress.	MR	Ongoing	Ongoing

#### ITEM 5: DORSET'S CATCHMENT PARTNERSHIPS - No actions

#### ITEM 6: CLIMATE EMERGENCIES

Action	Action Owner	Due Date	Update
Finalise climate change adaptation workshop report.	MC	Mid-Sept	Published in September - <a href="https://dorsetlnp.org.uk/cc-adaptation-workshop-june-2019/">https://dorsetlnp.org.uk/cc-adaptation-workshop-june-2019/</a>
DC / BCP to maintain engagement with LNP Board and Officers as relevant and update the Board on progress.	RB/KB LA/FR	Ongoing	

#### ITEM 7: DORSET LOCAL INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

Action	Action Owner	Due Date	Update
Arrange additional meeting in early to mid-October to look at draft LIS.	MC / SR	Oct	Completed – workshop held on 14 Oct 2019

ITEM 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Action	Action Owner	Due Date	Update
Send comments on the Jurassic Coast Plan consultation to MC.	All	25 Sept	Completed
Collate and submit LNP response.	MC	4 Oct	Completed
Send comments / evidence to National Food Strategy call for evidence to MC.	All	18 Oct	Completed
Collate and submit LNP response.	MC	2 Oct	Completed
Send comments to Health Prevention Plan to MC.	All	7 Oct	Completed
Collate and submit LNP response.	MC	14 Oct	Completed

**ITEM 4: CHAIRS REPORT**

SC highlighted the positive working with Dorset LEP on the Local Industrial Strategy. It was noted that net gain had dropped out of the summary which went out for consultation, but it was re-inserted after LNP intervention (as this had been an error in the design phase).

Representing the LNP, SC attended a consultation breakfast on the Dorset Council's Economic Growth Strategy. It was good to see very positive inclusion of natural environment throughout.

A good workshop was held with Dorset LEP on the draft LIS summary, hosted by Sandra Rothwell (Dorset LEP Consultant). MC asked what the next stages were as we hadn't received a follow up from her in terms of drafting some text as had been agreed with Sandra. LR reported Sandra had emailed SC/MC in Nov, but this does not seem to have got through to them or others. The principles were to be looked at by LEP Board w/c 16 Dec. He noted there was still time to tweak the detail.

SW queried the status of the summary LIS diagram which had been circulated. His view was that it didn't seem to reflect what the LNP had been discussing. LR noted it was difficult to capture everything on a diagram, and that the environment is present in a number of places in the draft LIS he had seen. SW noted he would want to see the diagram including development being used to improve the environment. SC noted he would rather see the environment in every section of the LIS than highlighted in a stand-alone block, so the flip side of that is that it isn't in the headlines so much. LR re-assured the Board that the environment is embedded throughout the draft document. SC and MC will continue to monitor developments.

KP reported that the draft Economic Growth Strategy and LIS were discussed by Dorset Council on 10 December and were looking to ensure their strategy dovetails with their climate emergency work.

SC noted in the remainder of his report that a lot had been achieved since the last meeting with many meetings attended and consultations responded to by MC and some LNP colleagues.

Action	Action Owner	Due Date
Contact Sandra Rothwell for possible comment on the draft LIS before it goes to the LNP Board.	MC	12 Dec 2019

## **ITEM 5: GLOVER REVIEW AND AONBS COLCHESTER DECLARATION**

TM noted that Dorset had had a significant input to the Glover Review.

TM requested that the LNP Board considered making a formal response to the review.

He noted that Julian Glover was keen that the recommendations of the report were picked up wholesale (26 recommendations). It is noted expected that a substantive response from Government would not be made until Q1-2 next year due to the general election.

TM noted that there was much to welcome in the report, which looked to address inequalities in legislation and funding between NPs and AONBs. It also addressed the continued decline in environment (and particularly biodiversity) quality within protected landscapes.

The report recognised that designations do not reach out to all sectors of the community in terms of accessing and engaging with protected landscapes. The report also acknowledged the cost of living within protected landscapes and transport in protected landscapes.

The report recommended that the Chilterns, Cotswolds and Dorset/East Devon AONB areas were considered for NP status, and Forest of Dean for AONB designation. TM highlighted that the report recommended doubling funding to AONBs.

TM pointed out some issues not fully understood by the review – e.g. the Dorset AONB Board (and many AONBs) is advisory not decision-making, so it would be difficult for them to deliver all the recommendations. And the report makes no mention of the coast.

Overall it is a report to be responded to positively. The AONB Board welcomed the report and have followed Dorset Council's line to wait for the Government's response in terms of the new national park proposal.

IA clarified that the difference between NPs and AONBs statutory purposes was around opportunities for public recreation. If the statutory purposes became the same, there is no suggestion that the tools that they have to implement this would also be the same – e.g. NPs are planning authorities, there is no suggestion AONBs would also become so. It was agreed that Dorset LNP would wait for the Government's response to AONBs taking on the same statutory purposes before discussing which structure was felt best for Dorset.

PB recommended not getting bogged down into discussions about the NP – if the 2 designations become closer it may be less of an issue in the long term. The main thing is to get the recommendations implemented.

FB asked if the inequalities come from the designation restricting development or the designation comes from the attractiveness of the landscape – where there would be restrictions anyway. TM felt it was a bit of both. LR reported house prices 20% higher just inside than just outside NPs (Knight Frank study).

TM then highlighted the Colchester declaration – nationally AONBs have backed a declaration looking for the recovery of nature.

Commitments included: by July 2020 to be well on the way to producing a nature recovery plan for the area. Work is well ahead on this in Dorset; there is good deal of data and Dorset AONB are looking at using a Defra test and trial to further this work. Dorset AONB are also keen to work beyond AONB boundaries and liaise with partners to ensure consistency.

TM noted that the declaration is a gauntlet laid down to government to both properly fund the AONBs but also other partners who need to be part of the work – e.g. land managers within the areas.

SC felt that, after a strong headline, there was not much within the declaration on climate change.

BH asked if it was deliberate not to refer to coastal areas? TM responded that in part yes as some AONBs are landlocked and the declaration needed to cover all areas – uplands are also not specifically mentioned.

WB pointed out the degree of urgency in delivering the declaration, noting that potentially setting up a NP and all the work needed to get landowners on board etc. could lose the current trust, as many are supportive of the AONB which could lose momentum for delivering nature recovery.

KR asked if local AONBs in areas where the local authorities have expressed higher ambitions than government for net zero, e.g. emissions targets, would be going with their LA targets (e.g. BCP target is more ambitious than the Government’s and Dorset Council is yet to set a target). TM noted that the declaration aimed to support the delivery of the Government targets but AONBs would work with their local councils.

FB noted a potential tension between nature recovery and more public access – in terms of leaving some areas to recover. There is a very practical issue around allowing more natural processes in wetland catchments, which would be likely to lead to footpaths etc being occasionally flooded, or eroded. TM noted that there is a recommendation in the Glover review to the Sandford Principle (on NPs) to AONBs so that should be covered.

LNP Board agreed to welcome the Glover Review report. A query was raised in terms of to whom should we be positive? TM suggested a positive endorsement on the LNP website and then send to the Environment Minister post-election. KP pointed out that DC approach is to remain neutral. SC said we could broadly welcome the report whilst steering clear of planning implications.

Action	Action Owner	Due Date
Draft statement of support for the Glover Review report and recommendations.	SC/MC	Jan 2020
Write to Environment Minister post-election with statement of support for the Glover Review.	SC/MC	Jan 2020

**ITEM 6: NATURAL HEALTH UPDATE**

RP gave an update to the Healthy Places element of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan. Presentation attached. She noted that colleagues have been presenting our work in Dorset to various partnerships and conferences, so this has really raised the profile of our work (regionally, nationally and internationally).

The Integrated Care System (ICS) is a really important change for the health system – a partnership of health and social care organisations. Prevention at scale is key to that. It is believed that few areas include prevention, and fewer have Healthy Places as part of the plans despite it being a key determinate of health outcomes.

Work included mapping access to green spaces, working with the European Centre of Environment and Human Health at Exeter University. It was noted that having access to green spaces and rights

of way is not enough, some people still don't engage with these spaces. These must be good quality places and all people have to feel comfortable accessing them.

RP was keen to note how helpful it has been working with the LNP, and that there are great opportunities for further developing the work in partnership.

MC gave a summary of work she has been involved in. There are now 27 Natural Choices partners, with over 60 activities across Dorset and BCP. Working with Dorset AONB, Active Dorset and Public Health Dorset a series of *Picnic in the Park: Living Well, Loving Nature* events had held which had very successful and more areas were interested in hosting.

A workshop was held in November to look at how to build stronger collaboration between the health and environment sector on nature-based wellbeing. Despite good links, the wellbeing activities are still not getting many referrals or signposting through the health system. A working group to be set up for new year.

SW pointed out Dorset Coastal Connections projects are relevant – MC noted that Dorset Coast Forum was invited to the workshop.

FB queried how success would be measured in terms of health outcomes? It was noted that we want to develop a common evaluation framework based on the work with *Stepping into Nature* and discuss through the collaboration. RP pointed out the benefits of nature to health have already been shown, so not looking to re-prove that, but to set up programmes based on the evidence to extend that benefit to more people.

KR noted there could be more emphasis on policy and place design for health through the collaboration to link into the development of the new local plans. Plus, possibly more work is needed on understanding the non-physical barriers to access. RP confirmed these were both important for future work.

Action	Action Owner	Due Date
Share link to the Dorset Green Health Mapping. (see below)	RP/MC	Jan 2020

Dorset Green Health mapping:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.dorset#!/vizhome/Greenspaceaccessibilitywithdeprivation2019/Introduction?publish=yes>

Information sheet:

[https://beyondgreenspace.files.wordpress.com/2019/02/dorset2page\\_project\\_outline\\_and\\_progress\\_final.pdf](https://beyondgreenspace.files.wordpress.com/2019/02/dorset2page_project_outline_and_progress_final.pdf)

#### **ITEM 7: NATURAL VALUE REPORT REFRESH**

MC set out the draft Natural Value Report and asked if there were any key headlines for things that were missing or incorrect.

SC asked if we can try to show direction of travel where possible?

IA pointed out that the land use change maps link with increased eutrophication and reduction in stored carbon. There is a potential for those two agendas to come together and it would be helpful for the document to make those links.

LR noted that the climate emergency had put a focus on the agricultural and land use – especially on two aspects, meat consumption and carbon.

KR didn't feel that urgency of climate change was reflected in the draft document. There are some striking maps on sea level rise which could be included. MC noted that the aim is set out the state of Dorset now, rather than projections, but agreed that more should be included. FB suggested using the EnTrade layers on natural capital / services.

PB felt the document flipped between being state of environment report and an LNP prospectus and suggested it would be worth including what partners are doing, not just the LNP.

All comments to be submitted by deadline 17 Jan 2020. Specific examples and information are very much wanted, rather than ideas for inclusions without the detailed information.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Action Owner</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Send Entrade natural capital information.	FB	17 Jan 2020
Send specific comments, inclusions and amendments to the draft document.	<b>Everyone</b>	17 Jan 2020

#### **ITEM 8: VOICES FOR DORSET**

SC thanked all for their input.

All authors to ensure that their sections and names are accurate, and that they are happy with attributed quotes, if they have yet to do so and send photos if needed.

Tone – WB noted there are interesting changes in style between some personal and some corporate. SC noted he didn't try to edit that, because it is meant to be different voices.

All to check they are happy with the conclusions or make any suggested additions.

RP suggested adding the Dept for Health and Social Care to the list of Government departments in the first concluding bullet point.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Action Owner</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
All authors to ensure that their sections and names are accurate, and that they are happy with attributed quotes, if they have yet to do so and send photos if needed.	All authors	17 Jan 2020
Check and suggest concluding remarks.	<b>Everyone</b>	17 Jan 2020
Finalise and arrange design of document.	<b>SC/MC</b>	End Jan 2020

#### **ITEM 9: ANNUAL FORUM PLANNING**

MC noted that the LNP Annual Forum is usually held in late Feb / early March. MC will circulate possible dates based on availability of the Lighthouse Poole.

ID/TM/MC had suggested a theme around nature recovery network / nature-based solutions to the ecological and climate emergency. Teasing out practical action, following up on the CC adaptation work, and trailing some of the natural value report.

LR asked if there is a way of getting more younger voices represented. The meeting discussed how this might be done to make it a useful and meaningful. Possible work with youth parliament was suggested and invited specific groups. Dorset Council's work on their climate emergency included groups by invitation including school children. An Inquiry day is being held in late February 2020.

This theme was agreed.

Action	Action Owner	Due Date
Date to be set for the Annual Forum.	MC	End Dec
Plan and host Annual Forum -including invitations to youth groups.	MC/ID/TM	Early March 2020

#### ITME 10: ACTION PLAN

MC noted the action plan as circulated and ask for any comments to be sent to her.

Action	Action Owner	Due Date
Any comments on the action plan to MC please.	Everyone	End Jan 2020

#### ITEM 11: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**a. LIGHTHOUSE POOLE – ‘SECRET LIFE OF...’ PROGRAMME OF NATURE TALKS**

Lighthouse Poole have invited Dorset LNP to collaborate on a series of nature talks entitled ‘Secret Life of...’ The talks would be about 40-minute talks plus Q&As, aimed at families. Potential income sharing with LNP on the box office takings. Various topics suggested. The Board agreed to be involved.

**b. LNP BLOG**

SC would like to set up a blog on LNP website. This would be open to all Board and Officers to contribute. A query was raised on how to govern this. We don't want a big administrative job, but text may need to be checked it doesn't undermine particular partners or is not unduly politically sensitive. The Board agreed to focus on item discussed at Board meeting. The blogs would be expressed as personal views but MC to circulate drafts to relevant board members for checking.

**c. OFFSHORE WIND**

SW has been following up with DC and BCP and would like to suggest that both authorities review their positions on offshore wind in the light of the climate emergency. Both though objected to Navitas Bay some years ago – interestingly the inspector's report does not mention climate change. SW would like to see the LNP facilitating a discussion towards reviewing it. SC suggested kicking off with a discussion at a future board meeting.

**d. COUNTRYFILE**

KP noted that Dorset county farms would be on Countryfile on 15 December.

**e. AONB CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY**

TM noted that Dorset AONB had also declared a climate and ecological emergency.

**f. LOCAL PLANS**

RP asked how the LNP is engaging with the Local Plans and whether it would be useful to include on future agenda this year as very critical time for input. MC stated that LNP input had been made to the statements of community involvement of both councils already (neither of which mentioned engaging with Dorset LNP).

**g. FUTURE MEETING VENUES**

We do aspire to choose venues accessible by public transport, within an additional desire to spread meetings around the county and engage with some natural spaces.

Action	Action Owner	Due Date
Confirm involvement with Lighthouse on the 'Secret Life of...' talks.	MC	Jan 2020
Blogs to be drafted and added to website.	MC and relevant Leads from Board meetings	Jan 2020 and ongoing
Add Offshore Wind discussion to future LNP Board meeting.	MC	March 2020
Add Local Plans to future LNP Board and Invite speakers from both councils.	MC	June 2020
Check venue availability at Durlston Country Park for 9 Sept 2020.	KP	Jan 2020
Check venue availability within BCP for 9 Dec 2020.	KR	Jan 2020

**ITEM 12: Dates and venues of future meetings**

Wednesday 11 March 2020: 2pm-4.30 – Committee Room 2, County Hall, Dorchester  
 Wednesday 10 June 2020: 2pm-4.30 – Brownsea Island  
 Wednesday 9 Sept 2020: 2pm-4.30 – Durlston Country Park, Swanage  
 Wednesday 9 Dec 2020: 2pm-4.30 – tbc BCP?