

# GLNP Board Meeting

## *Draft Minutes*

**Date:** 14-03-2019

**Time:** 09:00 – 10:30

**Location:** Board Room, The Growth Hub / GFirst LEP, University of Gloucestershire, Oxstalls Campus, Gloucester, GL2 9HW

AGENDA ITEM	
1.	<p><b><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></b></p> <p><b>Present:</b> Jackie Jobs [JJ], Gareth Parry [GP], Doug Hulyer [DH], David Hudson [DaH], Claire Minett [CM], Chris Short [CS], Jonny Loose [JL], Richard Lloyd [RL] Jennifer Taylor [JT], Barry Wyatt [BW], Roger Mortlock [RM].</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> David Owen [DO], Henry Robinson [HR], Martin Lane [ML], Russell Ashfield [RA],</p> <p><b>This meeting is followed by the Partnership Meeting and Workshop 10:30 – 13:00.</b></p>
2.	<p><b><u>Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019</u></b></p> <p><i>The minutes were approved by the Board.</i></p> <p><b><u>Matters arising</u></b></p> <p>See agenda list.</p>
3.	<p><b><u>Financial Report</u></b></p> <p><i>Approved by the Board.</i></p>
4.	<p><b><u>Board updates:</u></b></p> <p><b>RM:</b></p> <p>ERDF – Further funding available, workshops held for bringing forward projects for next call - £350k minimum has been agreed. SRT are looking to supplement the Wild Towns Project. Greening routes to schools by Glos Moves and Sustrans. Tewkesbury looking into a Green Space Project. FWAG considering a biodiversity and flood management of verges project, adapting a previous submission to another category.</p> <p>The PA6 is currently seeing considerable underspend across the country due to the challenges, but we may well be able to pick up another region's underspend. Timeline – deadline of spend allocation Spring 2020; Final Call by Spring 2019; likely to be allocated by Summer 2019.</p> <p>Current reporting isn't into the ERDF local team, so a challenge to find out how progress is being made. RM had possible video idea to gain updates on progress.</p> <p>LIS – replaces strategic economic plan. LNP influenced this last time around which led to allocation of ERDF. Reason as to why people/businesses flourish here is the natural environment. Had two workshops to date. LEP need to determine the "distinctiveness" of the Gloucestershire offer by end of this year. LNP in West Midlands have a commitment to Net Gain within their LIS – CM to enquire. LEP are prioritising Cyber and GCHQ. But there are other topics that they could be interested in such as Tourism &amp; the Natural Environment and Agri but we need evidence.</p>

Suggestion for the LNP to put forward a list of our aspirations of distinctiveness forward to the LEP and support the research case for those aspirations. Hook in using the guidelines for the LEP. Competitive advantage research and considering the environmental risks.

LEP are also refreshing their Growth projects in the county – they have reopened a call for interest. Possible to have the IEMT added as a consideration in the questions within the application form for those applying to these growth projects.

**BW:**

Vision 2050: Chief Execs met in Feb and reported back to Leadership Gloucestershire. DH has contacted Mike Dawson to be involved. Stroud leading on Severn Vale Board – BW challenged a new structure by suggesting we strengthen what already exists for the political engagement = via LSP maybe – with Stroud LSP and FoD FEP – and create the Severn Vale Board. Other Boards continuing in line with the proformas set up.

John Baker work for better planning among local authorities – evidence for strategic planning for the county. Statements of Common Ground Vision for Gloucestershire and NPPF – much is overlapping with the Vision 2050. JB work grounded in the statutory process and therefore likely to have much more weight and influence than the Vision 2050 that isn't grounded in statutory process.

There is concern from the LNP with the lack of community engagement and transparency in Vision 2050 process. Having started as a huge public engagement affair, to now be tightly ringfenced.

LNP invited to be part of the LSP. DH to keep us updated about attendance on other groups.

**CS:**

Food Strategy – Food Agri Rural LEP group launched event to prepare a food strategy. 27<sup>th</sup> March is the next meeting to give results from the study. Early indicators – primary is 10%, but added value is only 7% - quite low – what can we do to stop things going out of the county to raise this?

LNP to support the writing of the strategy – CH and JJ on Board. Can we make tangible links to provenance? “eat the view” concept from the former Countryside Agency and Cotswolds Choice from CCB – didn't get off the ground – marketing not pushed hard enough.

Is there any statutory connection to anything? Lots of stuff – who is pulling everything together? Could the LNP do this via our Green Vision? JT to attend next group meeting – CS to look into this.

ROBUST – Horizon 2020. Glos County a partner. 1) New business and labour markets, 2) ecosystem services and 3) sustainable food systems. Currently undertaking interviews with various stakeholders.

**JJ:**

Consultations update – Net Gain responded nationally; and Trees & Woodlands responded locally with support from LAs and Wild Link. DH attempted to respond to FOD Strategy but missed deadline due to early closure. Kevin Stannard @ Forestry Commission responsible - DH to send to them directly. GP to share Kevin's email with DH.

**RL:**

CPRE nationally will be relaunching with a new strategy and a new logo and branding. A top priority will include the climate change agenda with a task and finish group being set up to review CPRE's suite of policies by the end of the year. The Strategy and logo will be launched at the next AGM.

Call for nominations for the awards scheme in Gloucestershire – for projects that are really outstanding and contribute to the quality of the county's environment and the life of its communities.

**Actions:**

1. Partners to share ideas for big asks on the LIS

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Subgroup to discuss evidence gathering for our top 5 topics</li> <li>3. JJ to share Vision 2050 Concordat with DaH</li> <li>4. JJ to promote CPRE Awards</li> <li>5. GP to pass Kevin's details to DH</li> <li>6. CM to enquire with West Midlands on getting a commitment to Net Gain in the LIS.</li> <li>7. JT to attend next Food group meeting to discuss the health impacts – CS to look into this.</li> </ol>
5.	<p><b>Sub Groups:</b></p> <p><b>GI Group:</b></p> <p>See paper. RTPI – declaration – flood risk and climate change and blue and green infrastructure – RL to share with JJ to send out.</p> <p><b>Health Group:</b></p> <p>First meeting as per paper – will update in next paper to board.</p> <p>HWB Strategy – statutory strategy for health and wellbeing priorities for the county. We need to weave the natural environment throughout this strategy – case studies to be included to highlight how we can include it and cover many of the 7 priorities.</p> <p><b>Engagement and Learning Group:</b></p> <p>Email gone out to invite group to participate in the first meeting.</p> <p><b>Nature Recovery Group:</b></p> <p>See paper.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. RL to share RTPI declaration</li> </ol>
6.	<p><b><u>Work Plan Progress</u></b></p> <p>JJ still to meet with partners to determine core projects to lead on. Call for all partners to come to JJ with availability to meet.</p> <p><b><u>Actions:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Partners to contact JJ with availability to meet to discuss workplan</li> </ol>
7.	<p><b><u>GEGJC</u></b></p> <p>JJ &amp; DH, with thanks to JT, will be attending the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee to present the LNP and showcase projects and our ability to be core partners in delivering economic growth. Question put to the board was how can we best represent the LNP here and how can we influence them. JT will be attending also and will support questions if needed.</p> <p>Some suggestions included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acknowledge the system</li> <li>2. What have we already done for economic growth?</li> <li>3. They are contributing financially and therefore well worth their investment</li> <li>4. 25 YEP, Chancellors commitment to net gain, etc, our ability to support current and inevitable changes to policy and legislation.</li> </ol> <p>JJ and DH will report back at the next board meeting.</p>

8.	<p><b><u>SW LNP</u></b></p> <p>Touched on lightly regarding Cornwall's approach to including donut economics in their LIS. We need to look to be more ambitious with our aspirations.</p>
9.	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IEMT - There is need for allocated resource to pull together all the data and combine the NRN. The UoG are eager to support the project but would need to hire in a Research Assistance if dedicated resource is needed. They have provided a proposal for this. Further discussion needed as highlighted that we don't have a clear system for putting forward proposals.</li> <li>- In addition, it looks like the work being taken under the influence of John Baker is very distinctly linked to the work we are looking to do – Cotswolds DC are currently leading on the GIS side of this and are eager to develop it for wider purposes. JJ to arrange further meetings to discuss.</li> </ul>
	<p><b><u>Date of Next Board Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Date of next Board Meeting:</p> <p><b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 09.00 am – 10:30 am</b>  Room 7, The Growth Hub, University of Gloucestershire, Oxstalls Campus, Gloucester, GL2 9HW</p>
	<p><b><u>Summary of Actions</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Partners to share ideas for big asks on the LIS</li> <li>2. JJ to share Vision 2050 Concordat with DaH</li> <li>3. JJ to promote CPRE Awards</li> <li>4. JJ to pass Kevin's details to DH</li> <li>5. CM to enquire with West Midlands on getting a commitment to Net Gain in the LIS.</li> <li>6. JT to attend next Food group meeting to discuss the health impacts – CS to look into this.</li> <li>7. Partners to contact JJ with availability to meet to discuss workplan</li> <li>8. RL to share RTPi declaration</li> <li>9. JJ and DH will report back at the next board meeting on GEGJC.</li> </ol>

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Friday, 15 March 2019 v1

Updated 22 March 2019 v2