

Oxon LNP Board Paper for Information

Title:	LNP Manager Update
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Summary:

The paper provides an overview of the work of the LNP Manager since September.

Actions for the Board:

- Consider dependencies between your work and that presented here.
- Consider what support could be provided to LNP Manager in his endeavours
- Suggest specific projects or funding related to these actions which could further the aims of the LNP

Strategic advocacy

- 1) Responded to West Oxfordshire and Cherwell's Local Plans
- 2) Ensured inclusion of natural environment and rural economy in OxLEP's Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)

Nature Finance

- 1) Ensured nature finance will be prominent in the Green Finance Conference being led by Oxfordshire County Council and Oxford Brookes University.
- 2) Participated in Oxford University Sustainable Finance Group's workshop
- 3) Attended EKN nature finance conference in London
- 4) Convened national nature finance community of practice
- 5) Attended WENP nature finance conference at Triodos Bank in Bristol
- 6) Conversations with Helen Avery (GFI), Andy Slaney (EA), Rich Fitton (Finance Earth)

Cross-border working

- 1) Supporting design and establishment of Wiltshire LNP
- 2) Attended AGM of the South East Nature Partnership, and continue to lead their nature finance work
- 3) Continue to engage with OxCam Pan Regional Partnership
- 4) Presented on green infrastructure to the Institution of Environmental Sciences
- 5) Presented on green finance to Masters students at Gloucestershire University

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Biodiversity Net Gain

- 1) Led workshop with planners and ecologists from all Oxfordshire's local authorities, supporting their implementation of OLNP's 9 guiding principles on BNG
- 2) Supported dissemination of joint Leverhulme/OLNP BNG report across UK
- 3) Attended BNG workshop with North East Cotswold Farmer Cluster

Admin

- 1) Recruitment of new starters
- 2) Supported completion of website!