

## **CHANGE CONTROL NOTICE**

| Change Control Notice number:  | CCN004               |  |  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Grant Funding Agreement title: | Blue Forest Project  |  |  |
| Reference:                     | ECM_48335            |  |  |
| Variation title:               | Budget Re-allocation |  |  |
| Number of pages attached:      | 4                    |  |  |

WHEREAS the Grant Recipient and the Authority entered into a Grant Funding Agreement for the Approved Project dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (the "Original Grant Funding Agreement") and now wish to amend the Original Grant Funding Agreement

IT IS AGREED as follows

### 1. CHANGES

1.1. With effect from 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 the Original Grant Funding Agreement shall be amended as set out in this Change Control Notice:

| Change requestor/originator: |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Summary for change:          | Reallocation of the grant budget.  |  |  |  |
| Reason for change:           | Blue Ventures have been monitoring the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the grant activities and spend of the Blue Forests project. Despite successfully redirecting the majority of funds to provide communities with additional livelihoods and healthcare support, an underspend of £373,571 has occurred in Year 5. Blue Ventures are confident that they will be able to deliver the existing planned activities in the lifetime of the programme but require this underspend to be reallocated to Y8 to fund activities that have been delayed due to the impacts of the continuing COVID-19 |  |  |  |
| Grant Funding                | Original Grant Value £10,145,972   |  |  |  |
|                              | Previous CCN001 Value £0   |  |  |  |

|                               | Previous CCN002 Value          | £0                      |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
|                               | Previous CCN003 Value £150,000 |                         |  |  |
|                               | This CCN Value £0              |                         |  |  |
|                               | New Grant Value                | £10,295,972 (Unchanged) |  |  |
| Revised Payment schedule:     | Please see Annex A of the CCN. |                         |  |  |
| Revised Specification         | Please see Annex B of the CCN. |                         |  |  |
| Revised Contract Period       | No change.                     |                         |  |  |
| Change in Contract Manager(s) | None.                          |                         |  |  |
| Other changes                 | None.                          |                         |  |  |

2. Save as herein amended all other terms and Conditions of the Original Grant Funding Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Signed for and on behalf of Blue Ventures Conservation by:

| Name      |             |  |
|-----------|-------------|--|
| Title     |             |  |
| Signature |             |  |
|           |             |  |
| Dated     | Mar 8, 2022 |  |

Signed for and on behalf of Defra by:

| Name      |  |
|-----------|--|
| Title     |  |
| Signature |  |
| Dated     |  |

# Annex A: Revised Payment Schedule

## Original Payment Schedule

| Category of Expenditure     | Year 5<br>(2021) | Year 6<br>(2022) | Year 7<br>(2023) | Year 8<br>(2024) | Total      |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Field Staff                 | 426,700          | 457,113          | 490,408          | 0                | 2,449,554  |
| Project Activities          | 873,000          | 839,000          | 822,000          | 133,702          | 5,663,022  |
| Programme Man.<br>& Support | 342,361          | 351,506          | 364,373          | 30,752           | 2,033,395  |
| Total                       | 1,642,061        | 1,647,619        | 1,676,781        | 164,454          | 10,145,972 |

### **Revised Payment Schedule**

| Category of Expenditure     | Year 5<br>(2021) | Year 6<br>(2022) | Year 7<br>(2023) | Year 8<br>(2024) | Total      |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Field Staff                 | 482,905          | 457,113          | 490,408          | 0                | 2,615,289  |
| Project Activities          | 568,014          | 839,000          | 822,000          | 448,355          | 5,563,159  |
| Programme Man.<br>& Support | 217,571          | 351,506          | 364,373          | 89,671           | 1,967,525  |
| Total                       | 1,268,490        | 1,647,619        | 1,676,781        | 538,026          | 10,145,972 |

Please note that Years 1-4 of the Grant Agreement (£5,015,057) have been paid in full and the total amount of Years 1-4 is in line with the original Grant Agreement and subsequent Change Control Notices.

Please also note that the figures above do not include the cost extension which was agreed in CCN003 to cover the costs of the programme evaluation. There has been no change to the payment schedule for the evaluation.

# Annex B: Revised Specification

Due to the impacts of COVID-19, delays to some activities in Year 5 have been experienced and resulted in an underspend of £373,571. Change Control Notice 002 previously extended the programme from 2023 to 2024 to mitigate delays to activities taking place between 2020-2023. Defra is confident that all remaining planned activities can still take place between 2022 and 2024 and the reallocation of Y5 underspend to Y8 will allow activities to be completed and targets to be met.

The full justification for this reallocation of funding is provided in the supporting documentation "Budget Amendment Request – Dec 21" sent by Blue Ventures to Defra. The status of activities compared to the expected delivery plan is provided in the most recent delivery plan update (also attached as supporting documentation).