



Agenda - Tees Estuary; Plans & Potential

10am Friday 10th November

Saltholme Visitors Centre

In attendance	Niall Benson, Durham Heritage Coast; Ben Lamb, Tees Rivers Trust; David Braithwaite, RSPB, Graeme Hull, Environment Agency; Graham Clingan, Stockton BC; Graham Megson, Hartlepool BC; Lucy Chapman, River Tees Rediscovered; Mike Leakey, INCA; Linda Tuttiett, TV Comb Authority; Lydia Speakman, Natural England; Tammara Morris-Hale & Gary Shears, Durham County Council Ecologists; Jeremy Garside, TVWT;
Apologies	Judy Power, RSPB; Timothy Crawshaw, Chair TVNP/Darlington Borough Council
Convened by	Rachel Murtagh; Tees Valley Nature Partnership Officer

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
TE/01.01.17 Introduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tees Estuary slide presentation General discussion 	
TE/02.01.17 Update on current plans & activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> River Tees Rediscovered - Lucy Seascapes Briefing - Niall South Tees Development Corporation Tees Estuary Partnership MOU, habitat banking etc. - Graeme SPA possible extension Immerse Project/Interreg bid – Ben North Tees Natural Network - David 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Estuary projects: Redcar Wildlife (habitat improvements); Wading & Coastal birds (bird disturbance/ community engagement); Access – England coastal path north & south of estuary, (physical works & community engagement); Fish for Tees (monitoring & improvements for eel passage); Play space – Big Lottery bid (legacy project) other RTR projects in broader area e.g. Wings of the Tees Recently awarded stage 1 HLF Landscape Partnership funding. HRA (Habitat Regulations) of both SDTC Master Plan & Supplementary Planning Guidance. TVNP group meeting to put a joint ‘natural heritage’ response. Give concrete examples mitigate disturbance through increased



		<p>access plans e.g. roosting raft to replace German Charlie. Cover whole site with biodiversity plan? not just CCZone. Clarify with STDC the TVNP (encompassing TEP & NTNN) is the body to work with to develop plans & ideas with.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Habitat framework being developed summer 2018 proposals to be launched. Future protection for mitigation sites? Models exist e.g. Warrington Conservation Covenants. 5. 3-month public consultation starting in the New Year. 6. Some match funding in place... 7. More of a delivery group, access big element of work.
<p>TE/03.01.17 Realising the TEP vision</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Landscape Partnership? (feedback from project enquiry form) 2. Future of Silver Meadows? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initial Tees Estuary Project Enquiry/Landscape Partnership feedback: Boundary issues with proposed & existing schemes, widen out natural heritage element, budget costs, communities & people element needs to be stronger. 2. Silver meadows/Tees Marshes can be picked up by a larger future Tees Estuary Scheme. <p>Be ambitious!</p>
<p>TE/04.01.17 Moving Forward</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collate and map existing resources. 2. Collate and map past & current ideas & ambitions. 3. Hold a half day/day workshop with this information to clarify vision for the estuary & come up with approx. 20 ambitious project ideas (a brochure for the estuary?) Then seek a suite of potential grant/private funding for these. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RTR built heritage & natural heritage audits. LC to forward to RMM. Tees Archaeology 2. Tees Steel: Bridging the World report. LC to circulate. Please forward Ideas etc. to RMM 3. RMM to organise. All to nominate other strategic partners to attend. GC to assist with community & access. RMM to contact people directly for assistance.
<p>TE/05.01.17 AOB</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NB relayed MMO seeking stakeholders to engage with. 2. RTR legacy work e.g. Play Space. Feed into future projects. Some budget to develop/research legacy work? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BL, JG & GC volunteered. DB to follow up within RSPB most suitable person. NB to pass these details on. 2. LC to keep group up-to-date.

