

Tees Valley Nature Partnership Review

June 2018



Scope

Aim of the task:

“An independent review and action plan to address the weakness identified in the Resilient Heritage Strength Checker to ensure the partnership has a robust, financially secure and sustainable future”

Priorities need to reflect the wider membership. Understanding what is needed, not what can be funded.

Process

- Interviews with Steering Group Members
- Interviews with other Local Nature Partnerships
- DEFRA local area teams
- Visioning event
- Issues Report
- E-survey of wider membership
- 3rd May Workshop with TVNP Members
- Note to Directors of Place
- Wider interviews with decision makers

Progress

- Different approaches across the country
- Core funding subject to robust business plan
- Acceptance that activities reflect the membership
- Commitment of local authorities, TVCA and Public Health England
- Business Plan 2018-2021 drafted
- Completed by September

The Vision

The TVNP vision is of ‘a rich and healthy natural environment in the Tees Valley that sustains a vibrant place for people to live work and learn’.

The purpose of TVNP to:

- Be an effective unified voice to champion the Tees Valley’s environment;
- Provide a strategic framework for local environmental delivery; and
- Influence local plans, strategies and policies in order to integrate the delivery of environmental benefits and services alongside economic and social benefits.

Themes

THEME 1: NATURAL ASSETS

- Protecting & improving the natural environment

THEME 2: NATURAL GROWTH

- Growing a sustainable economy

THEME 3: NATURAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Connecting people and nature

Also fourth theme covering management and governance.

Theme 1: Natural Assets

Aims for Theme 1 include:

- Protect and enhance the geodiversity and biodiversity of the Tees Valley ensuring the conservation, restoration and creation of key landscapes and habitats, including mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change; and
- Work at a landscape scale to restore and deliver robust ecological networks that demonstrate a wide range of environmental, social and economic outcomes

Theme 2: Natural Growth

Aims for Theme 2 include:

- Influence local decision making and contribute to the preparation, review and implementation of local plans and strategies
- Raise the profile of the Tees Valley as an attractive place to live, work or visit by championing the value and contribution of the natural environment through strong leadership, advice and support
- Seek positive outcomes for nature & the local economy by working closely with the economic sector, providing objective knowledge, expertise & advice

Theme 3: Natural Health and Wellbeing

Aims for Theme 3 include:

- Engage with local communities to ensure that their views are reflected in the activities and priorities of the Partnership, and that they understand the opportunities offered by the natural environment on their doorstep.
- Make positive contributions towards the health and wellbeing of local people by demonstrating the opportunities that better access to and use of the natural environment can provide.

Objectives

- Objective 1: Adding to the Evidence Base
- Objective 2: Maintaining Links and Increasing Networks
- Objective 3: Delivering the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan
- Objective 4: Promoting Assets
- Objective 5: Strategic Project Lead
- Objective 6: Supporting South Tees Development Corporation
- Objective 7: Natural Capital

Objectives

- Objective 8: Community Engagement
- Objective 9: Improving Health & Wellbeing
- Objective 10: Active Partner Engagement and Ownership
- Objective 11: Partnership Structure
- Objective 12: Communicating Activity, Ideas and Performance
- Objective 13: Measuring the Impact of TVNP

Range of activities under each objective, with responsibility attributed to relevant partner.

Next Steps...

- Final drafting of business plan
- Action plan
- Establishing the training needs of key partners
- Gain commitment to delivery
- Share draft and gather final views
- Final sign-off