



TVNP Steering Group Minutes
9.45/10am 19th September 2018
Education Room adjacent to the Clock Tower,
South Park, Darlington

In attendance	Graeme Hull Environment Agency; Graham Clingan, Stockton Borough Council; Ben Lamb, Tees Rivers Trust; Sarah Scarr, Hartlepool Borough Council; Glyn Bateman, Natural England; Linda Tuttiett, Combined Authority; Paul Clarke, Middlesbrough Borough Council; Jeremy Garside Tees Valley Wildlife Trust.
Apologies	Kevin Wilson, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council; Garry Weeks, Teesside University; Michelle Mancini, Health and Wellbeing Support Manager, Public Health England.
Chair	Timothy Crawshaw, Darlington Borough Council
Secretariat	Rachel Murtagh, Tees Valley Nature Partnership Manager

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
SG/01.03.18 Steering group membership and new chair for 2018/19	TC re-elected unanimously. He will be leaving DBC October 2018 for full-time consultancy/lecturing work. Forthcoming TVNP business plan: Activity 10.1: Ensure that Steering Group members commit to a more active role in relation to the priorities set in this business plan. Link responsibilities to outcomes in the business plan. (Review and amend if necessary the 2018/19 Steering Group membership.)	As resuming as 'independent' chair agreed TVNP will cover 'reasonable expenses'. Clarify Steering Group from active members and invite second tier membership of sub and task and finish groups. RMM to circulate tailored 'role description' to each steering group member.
SG/02.03.18 TVNP partnership business (1)	Natural Assets Working Group: 1. Updated local biodiversity list. 2. New local sites process. 3. Durham-Tees Valley Airport LWS response. GB advised NE have national team that advise on Defra	1. RMM Circulate with minutes, publish on website and send to all Planning Authorities. 2. NAWG site process to be circulated asap. PC Planning Mangers wish to get consistency of process across the Tees Valley

	guidance. Will be someone who has local sites within their remit.	will clarify their criteria how they evaluate local sites. 3. RMM send SSSI letter re airport to NE. GB & RMM to organise webinar for some clarification with NE expert.
SG/02.03.18 TVNP partnership business (2)	Update on LEED (Local Environment & Economic Development) Toolkit level 2 & 3. Paul Leinster of Natural Capital Committee (and former CEO of EA) likely to visit TVCA on 25th October. Defra AIP Tees Estuary priority.	LT confirmed TVCA will support the next level of LEED after Paul Leinster's visit. GH has written a briefing with input from RMM for TV Mayor in advance of 25 th October visit. Request GH circulates to other attendees.
SG/02.03.18 TVNP partnership business (3)	TVNP local plan assessment for nature & biodiversity. Updated since NPPF revision July 2018. Darlington & Middlesbrough to undertake revised assessment.	PC to prompt Charlton Gibben (nominated to undertake Middlesbrough's assessment)
SG/03.03.18 TVNP new Business plan	First circulated to group 06/09/18. General comments: Report sent to current sponsors Tees Valley Combined Authority Management Group for their meeting 3-10-18. Await confirmation of further 3 years funding from this.	RMM Tees Valley Combined Authority Management Group meeting 3-10-18. Verbal feedback received, awaiting further direction from the group and confirmation or otherwise of next round of funding for TVNP.
SG/04.03.18 AOB	1. Environment Agency has a new 12-month post commencing around January 2019 – Programme Manager Tees Valley Mayoral Authority. 2. NE/EA bid for regulators pioneer funding from BEIS under Regulators Pioneers unsuccessful discussing alternative methods to support this work.	1. Scope for this post to support Natural Capital work?
Date, time & location of next meeting: 10am, 19th December, South Park.		