



TVNP Steering Group Minutes

Time 1.30pm 19th December 2018

Castlegate Quay (former Water Sports Centre), Moat Street,
Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3AZ

In attendance	Graeme Hull, Environment Agency; Graham Clingan, Stockton Borough Council; Ben Lamb and Zoe Fraser, Tees Rivers Trust; Sarah Scarr, Hartlepool Borough Council; Garry Weeks, Teesside University; Clare Deasy, Northumbrian Water, Philip Roxby, Darlington Borough Council
Apologies	Timothy Crawshaw, Chair TVNP; Michelle Mancini, Public Health England; Michael Graham, NYMNPA; Robert Woods, INCA; Linda Tuttiett, Combined Authority; Glyn Bateman, Natural England; Kevin Wilson, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council; Paul Clarke, Middlesbrough Borough Council
Chair	Jeremy Garside, Tees Valley Wildlife Trust
Secretariat	Rachel Murtagh, Tees Valley Nature Partnership

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
SG/01.04.18 Minutes of the last meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New local sites process sent to LA Planning Managers. 2. LEED toolkit update: Activity 6.1: Run level 2 and 3 of the Local Environment & Economic Development (LEED) Toolkit with the Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) to review the existing evidence base and inform the emerging Local Industrial Strategy. <i>TVNP Business Plan</i> 3. EA new Mayoral post – Eddie Halstead started in Dec GH, RMM & EH initial discussion on how his work & TVNP can align. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PC fed back they intend to invite RMM to a Planning Mangers meeting in the new year to discuss this & other outstanding issues. (local Plan toolkit, CPD for planners, new metrics, future TV biodiversity offsetting policy & opportunities linked to NPPF). 2. Link to the development in 2019 of the Local Industrial Strategy. TV are in the second wave of LIS plan development in England. RMM has contacted the LNPs also in the second wave (north East, Leicestershire, Mersey Forest, Devon and West of England). GB meeting Neil Kenley at TVCA in January & will discuss

		<p>further. LT has suggested TVNP Chair write a formal letter to Linda Edworthy at TVCA outlining our offer & asking what commitments they have to the environment.</p> <p>3. TVNP sent joint response to STDC Master Plan consultation on 27-11-17. No response has been given. JG suggests we forward this to EH by way of a reminder.</p> <p>Outstanding from 19/9/18: RMM to circulate tailored 'role description' to each steering group member.</p>
<p>SG/02.4.18 Update from the Natural Assets Working Group (NAWG)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Middlesbrough Local Sites assessment: De-designate - Thornton Wood & pond, Grey Towers Park; Extend Andersons field with Marton West, Stainsby Wood; Up-date boundaries – Maze Park, Teesaurus Park, Old River Tees, Whinney Banks Reedbed; New site – Hemlington Lake. 2. Outstanding LWS recommendations from TVNP. Lower Ormesby Beck & Durham TV Airport. 3. Suggested local metrics – Activity 3.2: Develop and adopt a system of local biodiversity metrics to assess the value of current assets, set targets and measure future progress. <i>TVNP Business Plan</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. LWS annual status - currently reported to Defra. b. Annual wildlife counts e.g. farmland birds – c. Biodiversity gain in planning d. Public engagement – visits to 'green sites. Country Parks/Saltholm/Nature Reserves etc. Future automatic 'people counters' at selected sites. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreed to Ratify recommendations. 2. Airport - Letter from TVNP chair informing them ERIC NE have been notified of recommendation. RMM & PC in discussion re possible amendments. 3. Check with ERIC what could be used for b. Discuss c & e with Planning Managers (e.g. Warwickshire guidance) and potential to put onus on developers to demonstrate biodiversity net gain. <p>Defra have notified LNPs 20/12/18 of consultation on 25 YEP draft indicators. RMM has requested a response from the NAWG</p> <p>Outstanding from 19/9/18: RMM send SSSI letter re airport to NE. GB & RMM to organise webinar for some clarification with NE expert.</p>

	<p>e. Local Plan Open Space assessment.</p> <p>f. River quality (EA statistics)</p>	
<p>SG/03.04.18 TVNP future funding</p>	<p>Briefing note circulated. Core funding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Still waiting news on potential 2019/20 funding from local authority Directors. Current contribution £5,300/yr 2. Option to align with Capability North East (CNE) – would need a year’s core funding to investigate and ‘bed-in’. Concern was expressed re implications for INCA. This needs to be fully & sensitively explored. 3. Suggested services – only test if we get a year’s core funding 4. CD aligning with a regional body (CNE) or Your Tees Catchment Partnership would simplify and aid stakeholder engagement. 5. Big Lottery partnerships fund. Initial approach made. Conference call on January TC, LT, RMM & Big Lottery 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need to push for a clear answer from Directors. Latest feedback – need milestones built into the Business Plan. Small focus group in January to submit final business plan and plea to directors fortnightly meeting late in Jan/early Feb. 2. Covering letter to Directors – proposal tapered funding to test and set up alternative funding model. Current models are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Align fully with CNE b. Set up a TV equivalent c. Align/merge with Catchment Partnership d. Combination of above.
<p>SG/04.04.18 New TVNP Business Plan</p>	<p>Circulated. Delay launch until short term funding secured.</p>	<p>To be amended as per recommendations in SG/03.04.18.</p>
<p>SG/05.04.18 Call for support roles in the TVNP Business Plan</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Natural Assets lead 2019 2. Natural Growth Lead 2019 Local Authority rep. 3. Task & Finish Groups for 2019: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. LA Planners CPD workshops b. BOA mapping completion c. Natural Capital Approach/LEED toolkit, EA, NE d. Annual Tees Nature conference; e. 2019 Year of Green Action; f. Future TVNP funding (ongoing grp not immediate Local authority response) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Natural Environment JG/GH/BL 2. Local Authority rep. GC/SS/PC/KW/PR 3. Members can nominate colleagues from their respective organisations. Suggestions? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. PR, TC, RMM b. GC, RMM c. LT, GB, TC, RMM d. BL, GC, GH, TC, RMM e. GH; RMM f. SS; GH; LT; CD; GW; TC; RMM

<p>SG/06.04.18 2019 Year of Green Action</p>	<p>Up-date on regional discussions (Katherine Birdsall, Susan Mackirdy/EA; Anna Gerring/Water Hub/Durham Uni; NEENP & TVNP)</p>	<p>Awaiting national branding, to be circulated to all TVNP partners for use in 2019. Initial idea to link up volunteer hours (corporate in the first instance) with projects needing volunteer hours. ALL Partners are asked to submit projects/initiatives/organisations requiring volunteers.</p>
<p>SG/06.04.18 AOB</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. S Tees Local Delivery Pilot One of 12 Sport England increase physical activity – TVNP have been asked to sit on their partnership board, 2019 move into delivery. Activity 9.2: Develop a model that encourages more appreciation and engagement of nature in our open spaces as part of the Sport England sponsored ‘South Tees Local Delivery Pilot. <i>TVNP Business Plan</i> 2. DPH meeting 11/01/19 – Joint paper from NEENP/TVNP Rachel 3. Teesside University request for collaborators. 4. CD offered the support of Northumbrian Water attendance at the steering Group. 5. Richard Gunton retires from NYMNPA on Friday 21st. We welcome Michael Graham, the incoming Director of Park Services who will be attending henceforth. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Focus communities. Discussion for March – what is TVNP offer to this programme? 2. Paper to be circulated to group ASAP. 3. ALL Please read and respond. 4. Confirm nomination. RMM to send Terms of Reference. 5. Sincere thanks to Richard for his years of support firstly with the Biodiversity Action Plan Partnership then with TVNP.
<p>Date, time & location of next meeting</p>	<p>13th March 2019 Time & venue TBC</p>	