Terms of Reference:
TVNP Strategic Projects Working Group

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Tees Valley Nature Partnership vision: A Tees Valley where more people are connected to bigger and better wildlife rich spaces

1. Introduction and context:

The Working Groups come under the umbrella of the Tees Valley Nature Partnership which is governed by a steering group. Please refer to our group page for more information.

Current Sponsors: National Lottery Community Fund & Tees Valley Combined Authority Management Group
Annual report from the Steering Group

STEERING GROUP
Chair, appointed & elected members. Host & report to annual membership conference.

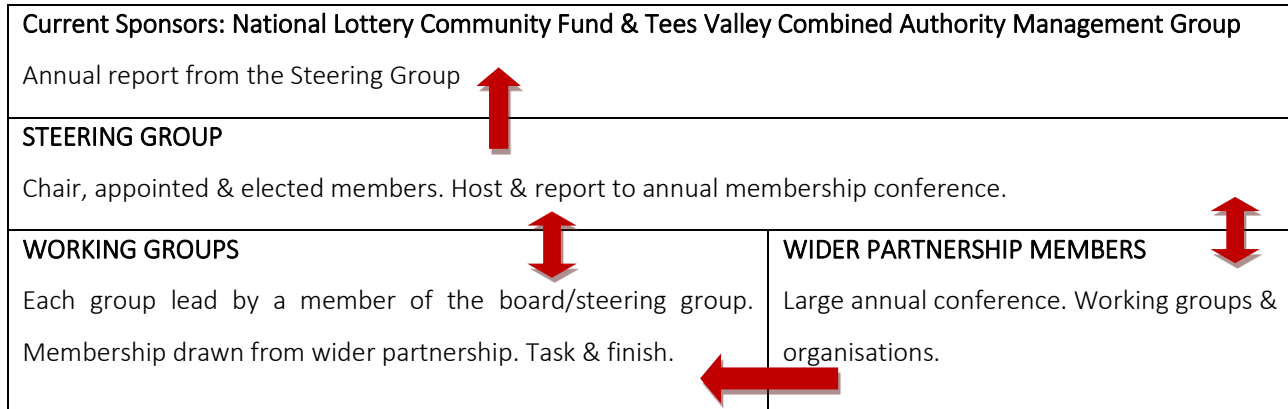| WORKING GROUPS	WIDER PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS
Each group lead by a member of the board/steering group. Membership drawn from wider partnership. Task & finish.	Large annual conference. Working groups & organisations.

Figure 1: Conceptual Structure of the Partnership

1.1 TVNP steering group

The Steering Group comprises of no more than 18 members, one member from each of the Tees Valley local authorities and then representatives who have multiple interests. Current membership of the Steering Group is published on the TVNP website. The terms of reference for the Steering Group are appended here.

1.2 TVNP Working groups

Membership of the working groups is drawn from the full partnership with a minimum of one Steering Group representative. Each group will be supported by either the Nature Partnership Manager or Nature Partnership Officer. Feedback will be given by each Chair at each Steering Group meeting.

Each working group has its own terms of reference that relate to the full partnership terms of reference. The number and remit of these groups adapts to meet the developing needs of the partnership. The 2019-2022 TVNP Business Plan identified the following groups:

THEME 1: NATURAL ASSETS	*Natural Assets Working Group*
	Environmental Policy Working Group
	Mapping Working Group
THEME 2: NATURAL GROWTH	*Natural Capital Working Group*
THEME 3: NATURAL HEALTH & WELLBEING	*Public Health Working Group*
	Engagement Working Group
THEME 4: STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT	*Partnership Financing Working Group*
	Tees Nature Conference Planning Group
	Strategic Projects Working Group

Figure 2: 2019-2022 Working Groups

1.3 Processes and Procedures

‒ Operate in an open, responsive and accountable manner that always adheres to high standards of ethics and governance in public life.

‒ Provide strategic input into the key decisions of the Steering Group relating to vision, strategic objectives and delivery plans.

‒ The Working Group meets…This is supplemented by email and telephone communication between these dates.

‒ Monitor, review and evaluate performance. Work within the TVNP Social Learning Framework. Contribute to the annual report

‒ Meetings minutes are taken and, where appropriate, action points identified with the individuals or groups responsible shown. These are posted on the TVNP website.

‒ A Chair is appointed from within the group on an annual basis. Secretariat provided by Nature Partnership staff within the host organisation.

‒ These terms of reference are reviewed annually.

‒ This group and all the other working groups are accountable to the Steering Group, the details of the Steering Groups accountability are in the Steering Group Terms of Reference.

2. Strategic Projects Group

2.1 Remit of the Tees Nature Conference Planning Group

The working group has a specific remit to explore, encourage, champion and support the development of strategic environmental enhancement projects that typically might require the support of multiple partners and larger budgets to deliver wide area enhancements on a landscape scale or over multiple sites.

The group will act as a forum for partners to exchange project ideas and grow partnership project support. It will provide the TVNP SG with a specific mechanism for intelligence gathering and proactively identifying projects that need to be developed, facilitating opportunities to work collaboratively, identifying linkages and opportunities to aggregator, and signposting to others,

Through reporting back to the TVNP SG it will provide a mechanism through which project developers can obtain TVNP endorsement of strategic projects.

The Group does not have any formal project management role and no executive powers to formally approve or grant any permissions or administer resources of any party.

2.1.1 Actions identified in the TVNP Business Plan 2019 -2022 – direct responsibility

Activity 1.3: Establish a 'Large projects subgroup' to enable cross sector support on identifying and promoting/supporting the development of key strategic projects.

Activity 4.1: Work with TVCA and the Mayor on large strategic projects including the Mayors 'River Tees Initiative' to develop local exemplars of sustainable development.

2.1.2 Actions identified in the TVNP Business Plan 2019 -2022 – significant input

Activity 2.1: Set out future aspirations for the Tees Valley's natural environment through a series of Biodiversity Opportunity Area maps.

Activity 3.2: Commission a natural capital account with the Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) to establish a sound evidence base.

2.2 Membership of the Strategic Projects Working Group

- **Chair:** Graeme Hull, Environment Agency
- (TBC) Darlington Borough Council
- Graham Clingan, Stockton Borough Council
- **Secretariat:** Rachel Murtagh, TVNP

- Jeremy Garside, Tees Valley Wildlife Trust
- Jim Cockill, Durham Wildlife Trust
- Ben Lamb, Tees Rivers Trust

The group is open to new members. Interested parties can contact TVNP staff for further details: TVNP@teeswildlife.org.

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