



TVNP Strategic Projects Group Meeting Minutes 1.00pm, 4th June 2020 via videocall

In attendance	Clare Deasy, Northumbria Water; Graham Clingan, Stockton Borough Council; Jeremy Garside, Tees Valley Wildlife Trust; Chris Hood, Environment Agency; Kate Lowes, Environment Agency
Chair	Graeme Hull, Environment Agency
Secretariat	Rachel Murtagh; Tees Valley Nature Partnership

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Background	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> TVNP Business Plan 2019-2022. 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. 	
SP/01.02.20 FCRM refresh SLIDES FROM GH	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Flood Coastal Risk Management. 1 in 6-year review Env Support Scheme 	Ideas linked to flood alleviation & assets for projects may be eligible.
SP/02.02.20 Greatham NE FAS SLIDES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kate Lowes Senior Rep Greatham NE Programme. Tees Tidal strategy. Many initiatives in estuary. Delivery 2022/23. 40 – 50 hectare of intertidal habitat. Old defence slag boulders – nonstandard construction. Not viable for future management of flood risk can't be maintained so are looking at options for replacement. Managed re-alignment preferred or managed tidal control option. Expensive, one landowner (Venitor). Habitat banking (carbon off-setting). NW Graythorpe works adjacent to site. Opportunities to link into EA scheme. Public access across this site to estuary via appointment with Venitor (access a condition of NW grant scheme) 	TVWT have a historic habitat assessment report JG to forward to KL CD to assess if there is opportunity under the NW Water Environment Improvement Scheme (2020-2025)

<p>SP/03.02.20 Portrack FAS Chris Hood <i>SLIDES</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Senior User Rep Portrack flood alleviation scheme. 2022Part of Tees Tidal strategy. Flood embankments, also removal of 2. Portrak outfall to increase tidal connectivity with Lustrum Beck and allow fish-pass. Make more of a natural channel to bottom part of Lustrum Beck. Portrak Marsh adjacent opportunities to link in lots of educational and public use. Amenity as well as wildlife to be considered. Amenity and ecological potential to this channel businesses either side. 3. Ecological vision for the area. Northumbria Integrated drainage partnership integrated modelling of areas. 4. Water quality – 2 companies discharge effluent into Billingham Beck. 5. NW Portrak pumping station adjacent to site. Water quality benefit. Water Environment Scheme. Improvements over 3 categories water (public access) 6. GH Accelerated funding bit for an outline business case for river restoration for this area to feed into flood alleviation scheme 	<p>JG, GC & CH to talk further to assess options</p> <p>CD Funding options & Discharges to Billingham Beck??</p>
<p>SP/04.02.20 Holme Fleet <i>SLIDES</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Main river north to Port Clarence, south of Saltholme. Potential to open up modelling Degraded area, restoring. Range of funding. 	
<p>SP/05.02.20 Water Env Improvement Fund (WEIF) <i>SLIDES</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GH UPDATE. Eligibility has widened was WFD focused. 2021 Broadening to priority habitats & species. 2. Up to June 2020 work with Catchment Partnerships on potential projects/bids 	
<p>SP/06.02.20 Tees-tidelands 2030</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stage '0' process i.e. pre-feasibility developing a bid by April 2021 	<p>RMM to forward to GH HLF expression of interest from 2017</p>
<p>SP/07.02.20 Living Leven</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Short up-date 	
<p>SP/08.02.20 Nature Recovery Networks</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Durham WEIF bid to look at opportunities. Do we push for financial support to develop this or wait on 	<p>RMM put on TVNP Steering Group agenda for 17th June</p>
<p>SP/09.02.20 Eston/Lazenby peri-urban <i>SLIDES</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 200 ha woodland adjacent Eston Moor, Flatts Lane. Quality natural green space next to deprived south eastern edge of Middlesbrough. Mix of recreational pressure huge opportunity for habitat & site improvement across whole area. Archaeology & Industrial archaeology. Funding opportunities needed. Timber sales, carbon offsetting? 2. Opportunity to link in to 2 existing programmes TVNP are partners on already. They operate in adjacent wards (Grangetown; Brambles & Thorntree; North Ormesby; Southbank) Sport 	<p>JG to circulated slides RMM to put together intro to the local environment with partners for Borderlands induction for new Director & Board.</p>

	England funded (£2M) 'You've Got This' and Arts Council Funded (£3M) 'Borderlands'	
SP/10.02.20 AO Projects for September meeting.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JG Naturally Native Wildlife Trusts programme across the north east region. Mink control & Water voles encouragement. Implement TV end of the scheme. Link to WEIF 2021 2. GC River Tees Initiative. Kirsty Weston at TVCA. How does TVNP dove-tail into any initiative – watching brief 3. JG MEC bid to National Lottery Climate Action Fund. TVWT a partner in project. Decision on July 1st. 4. Future STDC presentation – 5. Garden Village proposals across TV update. Darlington 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JG to up-date 2. GC to update 3. JG to ask Mark Fishpool if funding is successful 4. GH to ask Eddie Halstead 5. GH to ask David Hand update
SP/11.02.20 AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stockton Borough Council reorganisation so GC & colleagues now in Leisure Culture & Event Directorate. 	
SP/12.02.20 Date of next meeting	1pm 3 rd September via video call	