



## TVNP Strategic Projects Group Meeting Minutes 1.00pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 via videocall

<b>In attendance</b>	<b>Graham Clingan</b> Stockton Borough Council; <b>Rachel Murtagh</b> Tees Valley Nature Partnership; <b>Ben Lamb</b> Tees Rivers Trust; <b>Phil Marshall</b> Environment Agency; <b>Andrew Whitehead</b> Natural England; Tom Charman Natural England; <b>Robert Woods</b> INCA & TET; <b>Lucy Chapman</b> Groundwork NE & Cumbria
<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Clare Deasy</b> Northumbria Water;
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Graeme Hull</b> Environment Agency
<b>Secretariat</b>	<b>Rachel Murtagh</b> Tees Valley Nature Partnership

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
<b>Background</b>	<a href="#">TVNP Business Plan 2019-2022</a> . <b>Activity 1.3:</b> Establish a 'Large projects subgroup' to enable cross sector support on identifying and promoting/supporting the development of key strategic projects. <b>Activity 4.1:</b> Work with TVCA and the Mayor on large strategic projects including the Mayors 'River Tees Initiative' to develop local exemplars of sustainable development.	N/A
<b>SP/01.04.20</b> <i>Actions from the previous meeting</i>	N/A	
<b>SP/02.04.20</b> <i>Ongoing strategic projects</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Borderlands</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ TVNP has been invited to sit on the consortium/board of Borderlands project</li> <li>▪ Borderlands focuses on the wards of North Ormesby, Brambles and Thorntree. The full budget is £3 million over 5 years to engage the communities in arts and culture</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>2. Climate Action Middlesbrough</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Did not go into too much detail as this was well summarised in the <a href="#">Launch of Climate Action Middlesbrough</a> as part of the November conference.</li> <li>▪ It is a 3-year programme with £2 million over 3 years. Tees Valley Wildlife Trust will appoint 2 roles as part of this</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>2.</b> The environment agency have been approached by N Ormsby about a nature area, could this be tied in?</li> <li><b>3.</b> Need to evaluate involvement in this as it will continue not to be an in-person event</li> </ol>

	<p><b>3. Festival of Thrift</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Biggest sustainability festival in the UK</li> </ul> <p><b>4. North East Climate Coalition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Includes involvement of many organisations including: These include the Environment Agency, Natural England, Public Health England, the North East Local Enterprise Partnership, and the North East Local Nature Partnership.</li> </ul> <p><b>5. VONNE Climate Action Alliance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Louise more involved in this</li> <li>▪ Applied for Catalyst Delivery Programme funding but were unsuccessful this time</li> <li>▪ Partners are currently having phone conversations with other VCSE organisations to see how to best support them moving forward</li> </ul> <p><b>6. You've Got This</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have recently launched their new website and social media campaigns focusing on health outdoors.</li> </ul> <p><b>7. River Tees Initiative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ On hold during lockdown – looking at getting this back on track soon.</li> <li>▪ The Tees is lagging behind other rivers in traits such as salmon fishing – work is going on at the barrage and on tributaries such as Broken Scarr and South Park.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SP/03.04.20</b> <i>Potential strategic projects</i></p>	<p><b>Festival UK* 2022</b> Tees Valley Nature Partnership has been asked to be part of one of the <a href="#">30 creative teams</a> taking part in the first phase of the <a href="#">Festival UK* 2022</a>. This is a £3 million research and development programme which gets underway this week. 10 teams will then be selected to deliver a multimillion-pound, mass public engagement festival. Our diverse team of scientists and artists from the Tees Valley are coming together to research and develop a public art project which aims to address climate change and social justice.</p> <p><b>Tees Tidelands</b> Phil Marshall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reconnecting people with their estuary.</li> <li>▪ £150 million pot from DEFRA shared by projects across the UK with each project getting around £6 million</li> <li>▪ Has to be innovative, future proofing, and has to be led by the local authority</li> <li>▪ Looking to centre around Homefleet to create habitats around that area</li> <li>▪ This could fit well with and compliment Net Zero Teesside's plans</li> </ul>	

<b>SP/04.04.20</b> <i>Emergency funding opportunities</i>	Green recovery fund – there are likely to be more rounds, we can look at successful bids to see what work unsuccessful bids might need.	
<b>SP/05.04.20</b> <i>Strategic projects group v steering group</i>	It was decided that it needs to be clear that this group discusses the detail of proposed and planned strategic projects, we then pass on a brief to the steering group and keep them updated on progress	
<b>SP/06.04.20</b> <i>AOB</i>		
<b>SP/07.04.20</b> Date of next meeting	1pm 4th March via video call	