



## Steering Group Meeting Minutes 10.00 am 16/12/20

<b>Attended</b>	<b>Paul Clarke</b> Middlesbrough Borough Council; <b>Graham Clingan</b> Stockton Borough Council; <b>Chris Francis</b> RSPB; <b>Jeremy Garside</b> Tees Valley Wildlife Trust; <b>Eddie Halstead</b> Environment Agency; <b>David Hand</b> Darlington Borough Council; <b>Ben Lamb</b> Tees Rivers Trust; <b>Rachel Murtagh</b> TVNP; <b>Phil Roxby</b> INCA; <b>Andy Whitehead</b> Natural England; <b>Rebecca Wren</b> Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council; <b>Lucy Chapman</b> Groundwork Trust; <b>Graeme Hull</b> Environment Agency <b>Sarah Scarr</b> Hartlepool Borough Council; <b>Geraldine Brown</b> Tees Valley Combined Authority; <b>Glyn Smith</b> Public Health England; <b>Clare Deasy</b> Northumbrian Water
<b>Apologies</b>	
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Timothy Crawshaw</b> Chair TVNP
<b>Secretariat</b>	<b>Louise Richards</b> TVNP

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>SG/01.04.20</b> Minutes and matters arising	<a href="#">Minutes of the last meeting 16<sup>th</sup> September</a> accepted  Introductions for Glyn Smith of Public Health England, Shahda Khan of Borderlands and Adam Stewart DEFRA	
<b>SG/02.04.20</b> Update on the borderlands project	Shahda Khan – Director of <a href="#">Borderlands</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Arts Council England have identified areas across the UK with the lowest amount of engagement with arts and culture</li> <li>▪ The borderlands project convers Redcar and Cleveland hosted by MIMA and Teesside University</li> <li>▪ The project aims to engage people in these areas in a way that works for them with a bottom up approach</li> <li>▪ As part of the engagement with the community it was found that nature and the environment was an important theme with the community</li> <li>▪ It is a 4-year funded project that aims to be a movement of change rather than a project which ends with its funding</li> <li>▪ Part of the project involves using filmmaking and photography to collect strong themes which may include nature and the environment</li> </ul>	Need to keep in mind that there are 2 borderlands projects, this one and the one involving the English and Scottish government.
<b>SG/03.04.20</b> Update on LNRS's	Adam Stewart – Local Delivery Team Defra  The Steering Group watched footage from <a href="#">Adam's talk on LNRS's</a> from the conference in advance of the Steering Group. Adam gave a summary to the group and then answered questions on this:  Q. How does this relate to planning and local plans?  A. That has not been fully decided but pilots are working closely with planning. The idea had been to combine with land management plans but the white paper may have called this into question  Q. How will data such as the natural capital account fir into these LNRS's	

	<p>A. These aren't designed to be 1 size fits all plan. They aren't designed to take over other plans either but designed to be complimentary. If there is data already available that would help the plan this will be incorporated in stage 1. In the pilots some included organisations who had written plans and others simply incorporated the data. The difficulty is that different areas are in different places with this.</p> <p>Q. Who would be responsible for this?</p> <p>A. Unclear but thus far it has been the local authorities who have been responsible, it would likely be local authorities or TVCA.</p> <p>Q. Is there an idea on timescales?</p> <p>A. Trials are scheduled to finish in April, currently on a 1 year rolling contract but looking for a 3-year rolling contract. Should know where we are by April 2022 and can then move forward.</p> <p>Q. How much detail will the mapping go into?</p> <p>A. This will depend on the users, local authorities won't need as much detail as environmental land managers. Pilots have made it clear that it's important to state the amount of detail needed. It's important that anyone in the LNRS area can pick up a map and decide on the best action on their land.</p> <p>Q. What is the tie in with biodiversity net gain?</p> <p>A. There will be an uplift in strategically significant work which will tie in with net gain work to show where to direct net gain.</p>	
<p><b>SG/04.04.20</b> Update on Festival UK* 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Teesside University team success with R&amp;D programme for <a href="#">Festival UK* 2022</a> and bid to be one of final 10 teams to be commissioned.</li> <li>▪ This project will link to ongoing climate projects and tie in with their ambitions</li> <li>▪ This is the only team in the north east and one of only two focusing on the climate</li> <li>▪ There has been some criticism as this came out of Brexit. Need to be clear that we are committed to not being a part of this and need to be clear on this engaging with partners.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SG/05.04.20</b> Update from working groups</p>	<p><b>Natural Assets (Jeremy Garside)</b> A well-attended meeting with a series of presentations from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sharon Lashley from North East Rewilding Network</li> <li>▪ Paul Stevens from ERIC NE gave an update on the Phase 1 mapping digitisation</li> <li>▪ Ed Rollason from Teesside University gave an insight into some academic support for GIS work on these maps</li> <li>▪ This would be an invaluable resource for LNRS's</li> </ul> <p><b>Engagement (Paul Clarke)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation from R\evolution on the marketing and communications work</li> <li>▪ Some feedback from the focus groups was that there is too much reliance on personal relationships and that these</li> </ul>	

	<p>relationships need to be embedded at an organisational level.</p> <p><b>Strategic Projects (Graeme Hull)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Group discussed the difference between the steering group and the strategic projects group and decided it was that the SP group would go into more detail than the SG</li> <li>▪ Discussed details about ongoing projects: Borderlands, Climate Action Middlesbrough, NECCO, VCAA, You've Got This, River Tees Initiative</li> <li>▪ Discussed new Tees Tidelands (which combines 6/7 projects focused on the River Tees) this will receive funding in the new year and run until 2030</li> <li>▪ Discussed Green Recovery Fund successes including Groundwork, Middlesbrough Environment City, and Tees Rivers Trust</li> </ul> <p><b>Conference (Louise Richards)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Update from the conference group on both the outcomes and the issues with the online conference</li> <li>▪ There were some issues with Twitch and Big Blue Button which need resolving before any future online events</li> <li>▪ The group thought it best to focus more on online interactive content next year to maintain and build upon the engagement from the conferences.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SG/06.04.20</b> Where do we want to be in a years' time?</p>	<p>The group was split up into breakout rooms to discuss this in detail the main findings were that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Engagement its key but it is important to identify a baseline and then have incremental measurements of impact from this</li> <li>▪ We need to recognise and work on the digital divide between those who can use technology and those who can't</li> <li>▪ We need a bottom up approach to this, we also need to use partnership links for delivery on the ground</li> <li>▪ By December 2021 we need to be on the front foot to make the most of emerging strategies. Need to have our environmental outcomes clear. Also need to connect to Net Zero Teesside to include nature</li> <li>▪ Need to have a strong partnership brand and work on the supporting role of local authorities</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SG/07.04.20</b> AOB</p>	<p>Where do we stand with <a href="#">NECCO</a>? (Timothy Crawshaw)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Timothy Crawshaw gave an update on the progress of NECCO and suggested other members involvement rather than engagement falling solely on himself</li> </ul> <p>Green Social Prescribing – Middlesbrough bid to be one of 4 national pilots (Rachel Murtagh)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ TVNP is involved with this green social prescribing pilot, this is a good opportunity to work with NHS and PHE and be involved with the evolving NHS long term plan.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Date, time &amp; location of next meeting:</b> 10am 17<sup>th</sup> March via Zoom unless stated otherwise.</p>		