



## TVNP Strategic Projects Group Meeting Minutes

### 1.00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 via videocall

<b>In attendance</b>	<b>Graham Clingan</b> Stockton Borough Council; <b>Jeremy Garside</b> Tees Valley Wildlife Trust; <b>Chris Hood</b> Environment Agency; <b>Clare Deasy</b> Northumbria Water; <b>Judy Power</b> Tees Rivers Trust; <b>Ben Lamb</b> Tees Rivers Trust
<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Rachel Murtagh</b> Tees Valley Nature Partnership;
<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>	<u><a href="#">TVNP Business Plan 2019-2022</a></u> <b>Activity 1.3:</b> Establish a 'Large projects subgroup' to enable cross-sector support for 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.	
<b>SP/01.04.20</b> <i>Actions from previous meetings</i>	<p>Is the proforma useful or is this creating more work?</p> <p>If people are looking for a letter of support for a project would need to send over the proforma first</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tees Tidelands – ongoing</li> <li>- Discover Bright Water – ongoing</li> <li>- Living Leven – ongoing</li> <li>- Greatham NE and Portrack flood alleviation schemes – KL and CH (EA) – ongoing</li> <li>- Northumbrian Water Periodic Review 2019 program (and 2024?) WEIF – ongoing</li> <li>- Borderlands – ongoing</li> <li>- Climate Action Middlesbrough – ongoing</li> <li>- You've Got This – ongoing</li> <li>- River Tees Initiative – hasn't been an update</li> <li>- Festival of Thrift – ongoing</li> <li>- North East Climate Coalition – ongoing</li> <li>- VONNE Climate Action Alliance – ongoing</li> <li>- Local Nature Recovery Network Pilot – completed</li> <li>- Tees Swale: naturally connected – ongoing</li> <li>- Hazel Grove Saltburn – ongoing</li> <li>- Billingham Beck Project – Ongoing</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	<p><b>LR</b> to send out proforma to the group again for project info</p> <p><b>LR</b> to include a link to proformas in agendas going forward</p> <p><b>LR</b> to ask groundwork/TVCA for an update on the River Tees Initiative</p> <p><b>JG</b> to send a proforma to <b>CD</b></p>

<b>SP/02.04.20</b>	<p><i>Call for information on new/emerging projects</i></p> <p>Saltergill – possible strategic project in this waterbody, there was interest across the group to work on this together rather than having separate projects.</p>	
<p><b>SP/03.04.20</b> <i>New/emerging projects</i></p>	<p><i>Catchment Sensitive Farming Project</i></p> <p>Led by natural England, targeted where nutrient runoff and silt would be a problem. NE was not a target area due to this. They took on an additional air emissions role to target this, increasing the areas that qualify in Tees Valley. However, it is looking like we will only be getting one additional officer for the North East Area.</p> <p><i>Northumbrian Water Blue spaces scheme</i></p> <p>Looking for opportunities for projects across years 3-5. Identifying opportunities through Northumbria and Essex. Have mapped accessible water spaces and then look for projects in that area. It can also fund things as a package of improvements but needs to deliver improvements in the area. More info here</p> <p><i>AMP7 projects deliver water quality improvement in Goose beck, Lustrum beck, Long Newton, and other areas.</i></p> <p><i>The PR24 planning process for water companies to plan AMP8 for 2025. Will probably have the plan ready in about a year. Collecting data on either side of the treatment works and asking for input to this from external partners particularly on environmental investment. Would it be useful to have a workshop on this?</i></p> <p><i>Consultation on River Basin plans</i></p> <p>The consultation for the river basin plan is open until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2022, you can find the consultation here. 25% of watercourses are at good status, the government wants to get to 77% by 2030.</p> <p>Flood risk management consultation that runs to Jan 2022 which is a non-statutory plan you can find this here. Have put some work into the data viewer for this project.</p> <p><i>NRN Conference 2022</i></p> <p>The Nature Recovery Network will be having its first annual conference on the 29<sup>th</sup> &amp; 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 in Tees Valley.</p> <p><i>Stockton Tree initiative</i></p> <p>Have multiple pots of funding to deliver planting schemes and raise awareness of the importance of trees and hopefully also incorporate better management of existing sites. May not be a strategic project to start with but could become one over time.</p> <p>TVWT has some money for woodland planting in Stockton and some woodland that needs better management so this could be involved in this.</p> <p><i>Flood risk management authority</i></p> <p>Has £36 million in Tees Valley. Want to work with more natural flood defence methods involving Natural England, Northumbrian Water, and others</p>	<p><b>LR</b> to invite Bunty to the next SP meeting</p>

<p><b>SP/04.04.20</b> <i>Mechanisms</i></p>	<p><i>Nature North</i> Started in Yorkshire with environmental leaders and AONB's and national parks. The idea is to describe concepts in the environment in the North that have to be paid back with interest. Want to identify projects that you would spend a lot of money on to then get investment in this from developers.</p> <p>Is it a benefit to conglomerate the north and projects to do with nature in the north or could this be detrimental as habitats and projects vary so much across the north?</p>	<p><b>JG is</b> attending a meeting on this and will feedback to the group.</p>
<p><b>SP/05.04.20</b> <i>New funding opportunities</i></p>	<p><i>NERF 2</i> Deadline next January 18-month projects of up to £100 K, identifying an investment-ready facility for funding in the environment. It would be good to have a meeting about this concerning bidding into the fund and to make sure we don't duplicate applications.</p> <p>A lot of funding for farming but all of this is voluntary, and there have been so many changes so they are struggling to keep up and, many are waiting for things to calm down before making a decision.</p>	<p><b>Group</b> to set up a meeting on NERF2 bids</p>
<p><b>SP/06.04.20</b> <i>AOB</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting</p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> March 1.00 pm 2022</p>	