



TVNP Strategic Projects Group Meeting Minutes

1.00 pm, 13th June 2022 via Zoom

In attendance	Ben Lamb Tees Rivers Trust; Rachel Murtagh Tees Valley Nature Partnership; Andrew Casey Darlington Council; Graham Clingan Stockton Borough Council; Sarah Emerson Environment Agency; Jim Smith Forestry Commission
Apologies	Clare Deasy Northumbria Water; Jeremy Garside Tees Valley Wildlife Trust; Judy Power Tees Rivers Trust;
Chair	Graeme Hull Environment Agency
Secretariat	Louise Richards Tees Valley Nature Partnership

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Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Background	TVNP Business Plan 2019-2022 Activity 1.3: Establish a 'Large projects subgroup' to enable cross-sector support for 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/01.02.22	<i>Actions from the previous meeting</i> GH Shared some of the latest proformas	LR to include proforma link in minutes – ongoing
SP/02.02.22	<i>Trees for Tees</i> - Update on the Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund from JS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – This is a fund for two financial years to increase capacity (revenue only) in exchange for a commitment to accelerate woodland planting plans in 23/24 and 24/25 planting seasons – Max grant of £150k per local authority and £300k for local authority partnerships. No match funding required – 4 week expression of interest window, grant offers July-August 2022 – Can't apply if you're in existing funding 	
	<i>Nutrient Neutrality and strategic projects</i> This has come in with immediate effect in the Tees catchment area and it is highly likely that there will be a need for habitat level projects Planning projects have been put on hold for decisions whilst this is negotiated	

	Brightwater has some plans in the works which may help with this but there will be some time before this comes into fruition.	
SP/03.02.22	<p><i>Nature-based Solutions for Climate Change at the Landscape Scale</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Asking for expressions of interest at the moment – Total of £5 mil of funding for landscape-scale projects – Funding runs to March 2024, a tight deadline for landscape-scale work of this type. 	BL going to the meeting so will feedback on this at the next group meeting
SP/04.02.22	<p><i>new/emerging projects</i></p> <p><i>No new projects currently</i></p>	
SP/05.02.22	<p><i>Ongoing projects</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Tees Tidelands – ongoing – Discover Bright Water – ongoing – Living Leven – ongoing – Greatham NE and Portrack flood alleviation schemes – KL and CH (EA) – ongoing – Northumbrian Water Periodic Review 2019 program (and 2024?) WEIF – ongoing – Borderlands – ongoing – Fish for Tees – ongoing – Stronger shores – starting soon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyne to tees, looking at improved resilience to flood risk/erosion • Looking at seagrass and oyster reef creation on the Tees – Tees invasive species initiative – Tees riverbank – funded through NEIRF funding – Climate Action Middlesbrough – ongoing – You’ve Got This – ongoing – River Tees Initiative – hasn’t been an update – Festival of Thrift – ongoing – North East Climate Coalition – ongoing – VONNE Climate Action Alliance – ongoing – Local Nature Recovery Network Pilot – completed – Tees Swale: naturally connected – ongoing – Billingham Beck Project – Ongoing – Catchment Sensitive Farming Project – Northumbrian Water Blue spaces scheme – Consultation on River Basin plans – NRN Conference 2022 – Stockton Tree initiative – Flood risk management authority 	All to put in project proformas either into the shared folder or emailed to LR
SP/06.02.22	AOB	
Date of next meeting	1 st of September 1pm	