

Local Nature Partnership Merger – Summary proposal

Below is the proposed structure and operations for the new LNP to be formed from a merger of Northumberland Lowlands and Coast LNP and 3Rivers LNP, along with a schedule of activities for the new LNP to be operational by the 1st October 2015.

LNP Structure

The proposal is for a broad partnership to reflect the many associations the natural environment has to health and wellbeing, economy and communities.

18 partners in total

- Chairman
- X 2 Vice chairman
 - North of Tyne
 - South of Tyne

Board representation - 15

- Extraction industries
- Water industry
- 7 councils
- Health and wellbeing representative
- North East Local Enterprise Partnership
- DEFRA agencies
 - o Environment Agency
 - o Natural England
- National Trust
- Groundwork
- Hope Construction
- Landowner
- Tourism
- Community Access

Operations

- Hold quarterly meetings and alternate hosting between North and South of the Tyne.
- Use Project Groups/ Task and Finish Groups to deliver projects.
- The two officer posts will be maintained by the LNP and hosted by Durham Wildlife Trust.
- Terms of Reference and Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed and merged into a single version as will the vision, strategy, development plans and promotional materials.
- Create a refreshed contribution to NELEP Strategic Economic Plan in recognition of the importance a healthy landscape and strong spatial policy contributes to healthy communities, productive employees and attracting inward investment.
- Progress activities to create the business model or social enterprise needed to provide the 'projects and services' of the LNP.
- Produce final report on merger for ratification at the first board meeting of the new LNP on October 15th 2015.

Local Nature Partnership merger schedule – Proposal

	Activity	Date	Location	Responsible
1	Merge the Terms of Reference and Memorandum of Understanding of both LNPs	Aug 28 th	n/a	Claire Thompson
2	NELEP – SEP spatial planning contribution	Sept 4 th	n/a	Claire Thompson James Davies
3	Review and merge strategies, business plans, objective and priorities	Sept 26 th	n/a	LNP Chairmen
4	Advice and actions to form the LNP business model or social enterprise to provide LNP services e.g. Ecosystem services	Sept 12 th	n/a	Jim Cokill X 2 Council North & South
5	Organise and deliver LNP merger workshop	Tbc – Sept	Tbc	Chairmen Claire Thompson
6	Boards formally agrees on proposal to merger LNP	Sept		Chairmen
7	New LNP active	Oct 1st	n/a	Chairman & Vice Chairman
8	First board meeting	Oct 15th	Hope Construction Gateshead	Chairman & Vice Chairman/ C. Thompson
9	Communications update	Oct 31 st	n/a	Andy Smith
10	LNP event with health & wellbeing session	Feb/ March 2016	Tbc	Vice Chairman via Task & Finish Group