

## North East Local Nature Partnership 2018: 2nd executive meeting

**Date** 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018      **Start time** 14:00      **Finish time** 16:00

**Location** Room 3, Salvus House, Aykley Heads, Durham, DH1 5TS

### Attendees

Neil Wilkinson – Gateshead Council	Jude Leitch – Northumberland Tourism	Philip Baker – Banks Group
Graeme Warren – Environment Agency	Geoff Hughes – Durham LAF	Prof Alister Scott – Northumbria University
Stuart Timmiss – DCC	Jim Cokill – Durham WT	Steve Bhowmick – DCC
David Feige – Northumberland Council	Mike Pratt – Northumberland WT	Helen Ryde – Capability NE
Claire Thompson – Capability NE		
<b>Guests</b>		
Anna Gerring – The Water Hub	Paul Black – Capability NE	

### Apologies

Chris Watson – GroundworkNE	Dan Hattle – Sunderland City Council	Glyn Bateman – Natural England

### Agenda

Item	Description	Owner	Time
1	Welcome and introductions - Brad has sent his apologies and we need consistent rep from Natural England	Mike Pratt	5 mins
2	Previous minutes and matters arising - BREAM - MP reinforced that we need to be picked up iie in our mechanism - 25 year plan – how can we contribute - Scoping document and outlining costs – mapping work and look at Innovate UK -	Mike Pratt	5 mins
3	Transition programme and Financial update a) Finances	Helen Ryde Claire Thompson	10 mins

	<p>b) Feedback from Capability North East Trustees Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> May) Mems and arts progressing, CC articular about objects and prefer standard. Need NEENP to start considering nominations for trustees, skills, females and want a gender balance from the start. Is a space for you to get a profile. Names to CT. Helping iiE thinking through their process and business model. Changing their business model for larger organisations, x sutes/ years/ samples/ EMS etc.</p> <p>c) iiE update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student internships is this a possibility? Need have clarity for role and good process for mgmt. / Good employability scheme at Nbria so could tap in as would be aligning with chancellor etc</li> </ul> <p>CNE projects and have Master students, dissertation doing those tasks/ Define projects from March/ Opportunity space for case PhD studentships and offer support in kind, can pay £1,000/ year and resources to support a PhD student – nat cap invest activity? Across all unis and the academic member of staff for 3 years on an academic practice lead project. Become part of the supervisor group.</p>		
4	<p>Elected Members Guide</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Launch plan</li> <li>b) Introductory letter</li> <li>c) Events</li> </ol> <p>Not release 500 balloons – or something positive/ link it with salmon release of EA? Wildflower seeds/ Acknowledge that has taken a reasonable amount of time to develop and deliver. Can we do a walk/ event to go show different aspects of the guide and deliver site tours etc. / 500 cllr visits Politicians and planning network – RTPR so can take this guide to them. To every MP. Can we tailor to other sectors? Positive feedback from NEECC Represents a step change for NEENP / What we do with the document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DPH to be involved/</li> <li>- Send out a launch date</li> <li>- Present to the LGA and meet with Defra nationally</li> <li>- All executive members have to step up their efforts and give more. Give a set of actions to executive.</li> <li>- Need protocol for how that works and how is that clear – need a policy and what the boundaries are. Get a document from Prof Scott/ Work group for briefing and delivering key messages – arrange an meeting/ Resources branded</li> <li>- Great collaborative meeting and gave some great tangibles</li> <li>- <b>Check distribution list</b></li> <li>- Repeat in 12 months time and need to consider next steps of how to deliver.</li> <li>- Tourism can link into NEE litter free</li> <li>- Channel into the Great Exhibition of the North – Jude can</li> </ul>	Claire Thompson Helen Ryde	10 mins

	<p>link in with the organising team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- #NEE Litter free – what do we need to do / can we join the dots around strategy? What are the priorities and what impact? Sub-group and nature healthcheck – communicate this approach to others/ Catalyst and facilitate role / methodology for a PhD role to give a structure and monitor outcomes? Collaboratively working/ A single campaign has better population behaviour change and a single campaign adds better recognition.</li> <li>- We'll keep the focus – quarterly themes and continually reinvented.</li> <li>- Stimulate and can set up benching marking</li> <li>- Need to create the press release/ Applying a network to a theory – to influence the organisations</li> <li>-</li> </ul>		
5	<p>Prioritisation exercise report  Overview and some reflections and this approach has been applied in public health and as a collective should consider what drives those decisions and consider are they equally weighted. Conversations were very rich and establish what should drive our decision making and why.  Add in a summary and criteria  Mention scope and out of scope and no score  Process was successful in delivering it aims  Add in the tactics/ short view/ long view and opportunistic and focus on evaluating the impact of the work so that is built in to the programmes that is helpful. Turning ambition into engagement  Add in sub-group</p>	Claire Thompson David Gardiner	15 mins
6	<p>Local Authority sub-group  Locking into LA priorities  Identify opportunities  Establish a group that is effect for local authorities/ who should be involved in wider engagement  Strategic direction and structure and a good Chair  Combined authority and transport and learning from each other and training  Great deal of merit for the group and they have similar organisations where would engage with heads of depts/ enviro targets and ambitions and targets/  Scale of ambition is large; do we reduce the scale perhaps 1 or 2 sectors? Where can we influence and offer significant return.  Need to follow up with neca and environment role.  One of sub group and then develop the purpose of the group?  Silos not communicating across the piece and then important to communicate outside with others.  Sub group should be thematic and not organisational / natural - capital and nature strategy – enable us to deliver and start with planning – duty to cooperate and moving forward the statement of common ground.  Bringing the people together and having catalysts  Maintaining the goodwill between subgroup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tactical</li> <li>- Themed approach</li> </ul>	Steve Bhowmick	15 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proceed but need to review</li> </ul> <p>Agreeing 1 and the structure is to be changed Set the context of the paper/ a neutral Chair / take it from CT's description.</p>		
7	<p>Natural Capital Investment Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Natural Capital Investment business forum</li> <li>b) Natural Capital mapping</li> <li>- Nick Grayson – South Downs – demand and supply maps and is linked / more deprived population and where nat cap demand is greatest and supply is weakest – Exemplar approach.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	Claire Thompson Helen Ryde/Jim Cokill	30 mins
8	<p>NEENP Planning for Environmental Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NPPF local plans can be optional/ wont see them in the future and so will just have to do what is statutory/ Floats strategic plans without a great deal of substance.</li> <li>- Issue some flags that might hinder delivery and we should raise this.</li> <li>- GDP and GVA what is the enviro equivalent – EVA that nature partnership could work on? / Does net gain does this?</li> <li>- Jude can give some info – x% come because of our landscape/ amount spend and then..... GLA £58,000 into economy can equate to 1 job.</li> </ul>	Helen Ryde	5 mins
9	<p>Update on the Water Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Forward planning and 25 Year Environment Plan Initiative out of Durham ERDF/ DCC/ EA and NWL / Disrupted usual thinking and build some bridges with business to respond to challenges. Looking to find solutions from the NE SME community. Dham uni innovation festival running a sprint at the festival. Held a meeting this morning with NWL/ EA/ Dham Uni bringing organisations together and work in an open and collaborative way to ask what questions should we ask at the sprint? Overarching questions was how do we engage people to positively change their living environment.</li> </ul> <p>Request the continued support to the NEENP and offer a hand of collaboration. By 2020 have a sustainable funding body but see us as support partner of the NEENP.</p> <p>An initiative, looking to place PhD students Working with Deakin and looking at map – host pay fees and increasing partners will spread the cost.</p> <p>How do we collectively create a brand for North East England - how do we champion this brand?</p> <p>Confirm the partnership/ We are invisible supporting people and if we can give a strategic steer then great.</p> <p>How do we make sure we are on the same page and have one strategy rather than 2. / Is changing the right word needs to be engaged and what's the immediate gain – get the right attractors etc/ what is the project that we want to do and create engagement? Engagement is an active process where we being together invested</p>	Anna Gerring	15 mins

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10	<p>AOB</p> <p>a) Chair advert (skills matrix) – Anticipate by Sept we'll have a new Chair in place/ Self assessment and it is an established and all exec and fill in, acceptable and transferable. Give disruption factor Internal and external function and interpersonal skills and what is their agenda. Inspiration role. What do you want? Need figure head. Who for PR impact? Time and ability to commit. Policy to select and commit. Exec need to follow up people now. Is there someone we can ask? Networks.</p> <p>b) Websites update: centre place on website for updates on enviro ptns events and projects/ enviro sector jobs Information time.</p> <p>c) Naturally Healthy by Design event (TCPA/Gateshead)</p> <p>d) Write to Frank and a comment on the website and he is a founder Chairman. Small gift for him?</p>	Helen Claire	5 mins
11	Next meeting and close	Mike Pratt	Close

### NEENP and Capability North East meeting and events

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
<b>NEENP</b>			
Executive meeting 1	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018	10am -12pm	Salvus House
Executive meeting 2	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	2pm – 4pm	North of Tyne
Executive meeting 3	13 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	2pm – 4pm	South of Tyne
Executive meeting 4	13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	2pm – 4pm	North of Tyne
NEENP forum	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	9am – 1:30pm	Centre for Life
Data workshop	Summer - tbc		
Natural Capital Investment forum	July – tbc		
<b>Capability North East</b>			
Trustees meeting 1	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	10am – 12pm	Salvus House
Trustees meeting 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018	10am – 12pm	Salvus House
Trustees meeting 3	11 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	10am – 12pm	Salvus House
Trustees meeting 4	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	10am – 12pm	Salvus House

