

North East Local Nature Partnership 2019: 3rd executive meeting

Date 12th September 2019 **Start time** 14.00 **Finish time** 16.00

Location Northumberland Council, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF (off A197)

Attendees

Paul Brannen, NEENP, Chair	David Feige, Northumberland County Council	Jim Cokill, Durham Wildlife Trust
Michelle Mancini, Public Health England	Neil Wilkinson, Gateshead Council	Clare Steward, Environment Agency
Claire Thompson, NEENP & CNE	Alistair Scott, Northumbria University	Steve Bhowmick, Durham Council, representing Oliver Sherratt
Ian Brown, Forestry Commission	Charles Sellers, Innovation and business representative	Cris Brown – Northumberland Tourism

Apologies/ Currently tentative

Andy Smith, Intimation	Glyn Bateman, Natural England	Dan Hattle, Sunderland City Council
Rep to be appointed, Local Access Forum	Clare Deasy Northumbria Water Group	Mike Pratt, Northumberland Wildlife Trust

Agenda

Item	Description	Owner	Time
1	Welcome and introductions	Paul Brannen	5 mins
2	Previous minutes and matters arising	Paul Brannen	
3	VONNE initiative update – Verbal - Background - Current position and NEENP contribution	Claire Thompson Paul Black	15 mins
4	Governance - Presentation - Review observations - Potential future options	Charles Sellers	15 mins
5	Reinvigorating the NEENP - Paper - Reason - Options - Challenges	Paul Brannen	15 mins
6	Reinvigorating the NEENP - Group workshop style task - Group discussions x 3 - Summary of discussions - Next steps to reinvigorate the NEENP (Considering structure and governance needs throughout)	Paul Brannen & Facilitators	70 mins
7	Next meeting and close 12 th Sept 2019 – 2-4pm – venue South of Tyne tbc	Paul Brannen	Close

Actions from previous meeting on 26th June 2019 at Durham Council

1. Appoint new Vice Chair – **Outstanding.**
2. Share EOI for youth project for next meeting – **Done.**
3. NEENP and natural capital role. CT to draft and then executive expand – **Outstanding**, will use Sept executive to decide approach, been unable to do before now due to resource and holidays.
4. CT to provide CS with a full contact list that reflects very recent changes – **Done.**
5. Paul Brannen to provide an update of meeting with LEP and way forward – **Meeting held**, update to be provided.
6. SB and CT to draft a brief report for Heads of Planning detailing NEENP and CNE recent journey and planning related changes on the horizon i.e. Local Nature Recovery Networks, Net Gain, Natural Capital and so on with the specific aim of identifying the cross-boundary role of the NEENP - **Currently outstanding**, due for mid September.
7. Paul Brannen to meet with Heads of Planning as NEENP Chair and agree areas of collaboration – **Request made.**
8. Review and update of the NEENP Landscape opportunity work – **Helen Ryde** will provide for October.
9. Claire Thompson to give iiE update presentation at next meeting – **Postponed** for future workshop/ meeting.
10. Claire Thompson to follow up with executive and iiE implementation in their organisations – **Ongoing.**
11. Ian Brown to give update on office plans – Office move planned, **Ian Brown will provide** an update w/c Sept 16th.
12. Claire Thompson to share updated business plan once completed by end Sept 2019 – **Ongoing.**
13. Stuart Priestley to provide evaluation of DCC wildflower work to NEENP by **October.**
14. NEENP officer (Helen) to contact all councils and get updates on wildflower plans with images to quantify and qualify progress that has been made in this area – **Due for October.**

Notes

Most of the meeting will focus on item 6 will involve group discussions and will focus on:

1. VONNE initiative
2. Youth project – Visioning their climate secure future
3. NEENP purpose and vision – 2020+

Each discussion will be asked to consider the importance to NEENP work, appropriate role and contribution of the NEENP, connections to other projects and government initiatives, funding and resource and finally actions required to move options forward.