

North East Local Nature Partnership 2021: 1st executive meeting

Date 11th February 2021 **Start time** 15.00 **Finish time** 17.00

Overview of key projects and actions from discussions.

Appointing a new Chair

Ian Brown and Mike Pratt are working to appoint a new Chair. Several names have been suggested. The search will be widened with an advert if needed. They are hoping for an appointment by the start of next financial year, mid-April at the latest.

Action

- Executive to suggest potential Chairs
- Ian and Mike to keep executive informed of progress

North East England Climate Coalition

The NEENP will continue to support the Coalition with Claire working for the NEECCo executive to develop Land Use PPG, sustainable finance work via Project £500 million and Indicators Group.

Participation from the executive is vital for Project £500 million and in reviewing and developing the outputs of the Indicators Group.

Action

- Set up a Project £500 million Task and Finish Group.
- Develop template to collate projects
- Review and comment on Indicators Dashboard

North East LEP

At the last meeting of the NEENP (former Chair, Paul Brannen) and NELEP (Helen Golightly, Chief Exec and Richard Baker, Strategic Director) there was agreement on the need for the 2 organisations to work more closely (This was noted in an email sent to the executive in January asking for feedback on initial ideas). During discussions key themes emerged, Helen asked for a paper summarising the discussions and potential areas to explore for collaboration to be noted (as shown in the papers) to guide refinement of

the areas of synergy the organisations should focus on at second meeting.

Key themes

- Evidence and research
- Defra initiatives
- Net zero
- Place and land use
- Sustainable finance

Action

- George Gerring and Claire will keep refining the outputs from meetings with the LEP that one of the acting up Chairs will attend and share with the executive for comment by the end of February.

NEENP Planning 2021+

The NEENP has been strong at adapting its function and structure over the years according to future needs of the sector. Excellent opportunities are emerging meaning the time is right to revisit the NEENP structure and vision and ensure it is fit for the future and able to deliver on its priorities. At the meeting priorities were agreed as.

1. Review NEENP vision and structure/ governance
2. NEENP development and funding – Heritage Lottery Resilience Fund
3. Supporting delivery of Defra 25 YEP via
 - a. NEECCo
 - b. Project £500 million
4. Events – building on Defra series of 2020 and CNE carbon events
5. Communications and engagement

Actions

- Set up a Task and Finish Group to develop plans and priorities as above.

Capability North East update

Capability North East has focused on income stream diversification in 2020 due to Covid. This has worked and resulted in a wider portfolio of skills and in grant applications to digitalise processes and develop an end-to-end platform for environmental sustainability reporting and management. The rebrand to GENEE (as detailed in several communications last year and this) will go live in March. Partners support for this rebrand campaign is vital.

Next meeting and close

Thursday 6th May 2021, 3pm via Teams.

Follow link for [Terms of Reference](#), governance and structure info.