



## **Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Date**        **Friday 13 July 2018**  
**Time**        **9.30 am**  
**Venue**       **Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham**

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### **Business**

#### **Part A**

**Items during which the Press and Public are welcome to attend.  
Members of the Public can ask questions with the Chairman's  
agreement.**

1. Apologies
2. Substitute Members
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 April 2018 (Pages 3 - 10)
4. Declarations of Interest, if any
5. Any items from Co-opted Members or interested parties
6. Media Relations - Update of Media Items
7. County Durham Environment Partnership - Overview: (Pages 11 - 14)
  - a) Joint report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships and the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services
  - b) Presentation by Steve Bhowmick, Environment and Design Manager, Regeneration and Local Services
8. Managed Exit: Derwentside Trust for Sport and Arts - Progress: (Pages 15 - 18)
  - a) Joint report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships and the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services
  - b) Presentation by Steve Howell, Head of Culture and Sport, Regeneration and Local Services
9. Quarter 4 Performance Management Report - Report of Corporate Management Team (Pages 19 - 28)
10. Refresh of the Work Programme - Report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships (Pages 29 - 40)
11. Minutes from the County Durham Environment Partnership Board held on 7 March 2018 (Pages 41 - 46)

12. Minutes from the Northumbria Regional Flood and Coastal Committee held on 19 January 2018 (Pages 47 - 54)
13. Minutes from the Durham Strategic Flood Prevention Group held on the 9 May 2018 (Pages 55 - 58)
14. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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5 July 2018

To: **The Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor E Adam (Chair)  
Councillor O Milburn (Vice-Chair)

Councillors B Avery, D Bell, L Brown, J Carr, J Clark, R Crute,  
S Dunn, A Gardner, D Hicks, P Howell, P Jopling, C Kay,  
R Manchester, C Martin, A Patterson, A Simpson, P Sexton, L Taylor  
and M Wilson

**Co-opted Members:**

Mr T Bolton and Mrs P Holding

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**DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held in Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham on **Tuesday 17 April 2018 at 9.30 am**

**Present:**

**Councillor E Adam (Chair)**

**Members of the Committee:**

Councillors O Milburn, B Avery, L Brown, J Carr, R Crute, C Kay, P Sexton and L Taylor

**Co-opted Members:**

Mr D Kinch

**1 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bell, J Clare, J Clark, A Gardner, P Howell, P Jopling, C Martin, A Patterson, A Simpson, M Wilson and S Zair.

**2 Substitute Members**

No notification of Substitute Members had been received.

**3 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2018 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

**4 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**5 Any Items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties**

There were no items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties.

**6 Media Relations**

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer referred Members to recent press articles relating to the remit of Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The articles were:

- Storm Tank aimed at stopping pollution in River Deerness approved – Following several sewer flooding incidents which had polluted the River Deerness and had been connected with the death of cattle from black's disease, Northumbrian water had approval to install a storm tank.
- Plans for plastic bottle deposit and return scheme put forward by Government in an bid to cut plastic waste – The move aims to boost recycling rates and cut litter and comes amid increasing concern over the issue of single use plastic waste, much of which ends up as rubbish polluting the countryside and oceans.
- European partners share energy efficiency ideas – partners across Europe have been sharing ideas on how to promote energy efficiency as part of a five year EU project. The REBUS project sees eight public authorities from countries across Europe come together to exchange ideas and good practice on how to make their buildings more energy efficient. This links to Agenda Item No.7.

Councillor Avery referred to plastic bottle deposits and advised Members that scientists were developing a plastic that would disintegrate. The Chairman responded that it was an enzyme that would break down the plastic but the article also states that the new plastic could not be put into the ocean.

Councillor Brown indicated that the enzyme eats the plastic and a way needed to be found to contain this.

The Chairman indicated that the single use plastics issue had been dealt with at the Council meeting and would come back to this committee in the future.

**Resolved:** That the presentation be noted.

## **7 EU Funding and Other Funding for Low Carbon Projects**

Members considered the report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services that informed Members about the latest development relating to European Funding and other funding for Low Carbon projects (for copy, see file of minutes).

The Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader was in attendance to present a report and advised Members that she has received a letter yesterday confirming that the Council would continue in the current round of ESDF EU funding for the 2014-2020 programme, which in fact would continue until 2023.

The Council had received an award of £18 million in EU funding that was ring fenced for low carbon projects and the North East Region had received £80 million.

Members were updated on the three projects that had been approved in 2016, which were the Business Energy Efficiency Project (BEEP), LOCARBO and Rebus. Members were informed that the projects were going well.

The Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader advised members of a new housing project, Solid Wall Insulation Innovation (SWII) and gave an example of works that had been done at Craghead. Properties had benefitted from external insulation that looked

similar to the original brickwork and suggested that members may want to view this project for themselves by way of a site visit.

Durham County Council were also involved in two further ERDF low carbon project bids that were currently seeking approval which were the Louisa Centre Minewater Project and Business Energy Efficiency Support (BEES) North East. The Louisa Minewater project would take heat from the mine water via heat exchanger and use it to heat both the building and the swimming pool. The Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader advised that she had witnessed an example of similar work in the Netherlands.

Councillor Kay sought clarification if the Louisa Centre Project was geo thermal and the extraction of heat. The Officer confirmed that it was geo thermal and was the extraction of heat from underground sources.

Councillor Kay then asked for an update on the Eastgate project. The Officer responded that they had drilled down which confirmed that warm water was present under the site but Durham County Council did not own the land and there was nothing that could be done with the heat generated as there was no nearby housing estates. The heat could be used for an horticultural project for example, but the ERDF EU funding scheme would not fund such projects.

The Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader suggested that County Durham was ripe for geothermal projects because of the old mines and advised that in Devon and Cornwall an initiative had been taken and were going ahead with sustainable heating projects. Often up to half of energy consumption is down to heating, however there was no magic solution and sustainable heating was a big challenge. In the relation to the Louisa Centre project the service is currently awaiting a decision on the outline bid and if this is successful a full bid will be written.

Members were advised of the Business Energy Efficiency Support project has been submitted for full approval. This is a bid led by Newcastle on behalf of Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland and Sunderland Councils. If successful aims to help SMEs over the wider North East LEP area following the BEEP model.

The Officer then updated Members on Sustainable Transport there are plans for a sustainable transport for Durham City with departments across REAL service grouping looking at what can be done, such as electric vehicles, park and ride options, cycling and walking the project is in its early stages and a bid may be possible to be taken forward in the autumn.

Members were advised of the Regional Energy Commission and Hub, which is in its very early stages but funds have been allocated from Government to the LEP to fund an officer to develop a regional energy strategy.

Members were advised that the Leader had signed up to UK100 in 2015 which is a network of local government leaders who seek to devise and implement plans for the transition to clean energy which is 100% clean energy by 2050.

The Chairman referred to the BEEP project and asked if there had been a substantial increase in the take up from small to medium enterprises and if not was it a confidence issue with new technologies.

The Officer responded that they had done lots of work with SMEs and there had been a substantial increase in projects. The original guidance from government covered only basic areas with a small grant element that focused on energy assessment which was free. There only challenge was reaching out to and finding businesses. The guidance had now changed allowing projects to look at more innovative areas such as lighting and insulation and can offer a capacity grant and it is going well. The team was working on an information leaflet that pulls together all offers that are free at point of delivery and grants available. In relation to the North East LEP project the Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader suggested that it may be more difficult to reach SMEs.

Mr Kinch referred to the SWII project and the high costs of solid wall installation and asked if the service held a list of authorised installers. The Officer advised Members that they did not keep a list but can confirm that having insulation in a stone built property makes a huge amount of difference to energy bills.

Councillor Kay referred to the division neighbouring his own that had received s106 monies for the construction of a biomass plant in Chilton and which they had difficulty spending due to the restrictions and was concerned that the monies were held by the Council and was looking for suggestions as to how the monies could be spent. He then referred to sustainable transport and as a keen cyclist himself, he thought Durham County Council could do better for cyclists. The journey from the Howlands Park and Ride for a cyclists was dreadful and that the National Cycle Network did not link up with Bishop Auckland. Councillor Kay explained that in Newcastle the council had introduced electric bikes and asked if Durham County Council had considered this.

The Sustainable and Climate Change Team Leader advised that this was a good idea and may be part of the project and was led by the Sustainable Travel Officer if the councillor wanted more information on the project.

The Officer responded that with regard to the S106 monies for Chilton this was passed to the community about a year ago and could now be used for energy efficiency.

The Chairman referred to the Chilton S106 monies and that the community had agreed to go ahead with smaller environment improvements and they had talked about district heating but the costs were too high. The Officer advised Members that Dalkia had pushed to get district heating installed but the housing developer would not put in the infrastructure.

Councillor Sexton asked if BEEP was open to charitable organisations and resident associations etc., The Officer responded that the project was ERDF funded, and was open to community interest companies but not resident trust companies and suggested that Councillor Sexton speak with her team for more information. However, the regional project does include these categories.

Councillor Milburn sought clarification if the Louisa Centre project was fully funded by ERDF. The Officer responded that the ERDF funding only covered 60% of the costs but it was financially viable. Councillor Milburn then referred to the SWII project work carried out

at Craghead which had instantly reduced the bills by a third and had made a huge difference to the people living in the properties.

Councillor Brown referred to sustainable transport and that Durham University were proposing to build a cycle path from Howlands into the city centre and increase the path width at Church Street to encourage students not to use cars.

Councillor Crute referred to the Regional Energy Policy Commission about accountability of the commission and of his concerns in relation to governance of the commission and how this would fit with regional issues and to be certain that issues are raised at the appropriate level.

The Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader advised that it was early days for the Regional Energy Commission, she had been involved at an officer level and had been co-opted on to the group that was made up of 10/15 members including Durham and Newcastle universities and believed the right people had been included. In relation to governance of the commission she was unable to answer that question.

Councillor Crute advised that this was something that needed to be followed up on and could not recall it had been mentioned at regional level but we need to look at structures and bring back to a later meeting.

**Resolved:** (i) That the report be noted.

(ii) That the Committee receive further progress updates.

## **8 Regeneration and Local Services Quarter Three Revenue and Capital Outturn 2017/18**

The Committee considered the Joint Report of the Corporate Director of Resources and the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which set out details of the outturn budget position as at Quarter 3 for 2017/18 and highlighted major variances against revenue and capital budgets for the former Neighbourhood Services. The Finance Manager, Resources – Regeneration and Local Services, Phillip Curran gave a presentation (for copies, see file of minutes).

Councillor Sexton referred to the Gala Theatre overspend and asked for a breakdown of the figures.

The Officer responded that the overspend, was largely due to fallen sales but also events, however the service were keeping an eye on the Gala especially as two new cinemas were being built in the City and would impact in 2018/2019 and options would need to be considered.

The Chairman indicated that similar questions were raised at an earlier meeting and asked the officer what strategies were in place.

The Officer that there is a strategy looking to improve the situation over a year to eighteen months and that a private sector partner was found to change the programme but this had fallen through when they heard about the new cinemas. The Finance Manager continued

that the situation was still evolving and would obtain details of the strategies and update members at the next meeting.

The Chairman suggested this could be something that the Committee looked at as part of the work programme.

Mr Kinch sought clarification on the figures for the Culture and Sport forecast overspend. The Officer responded that the figures were correct and the figures included in the report were a highlight of variances as all variances of the service could not be listed.

Mr Kinch asked if he could be provided with the full details of the variances.

The Chair advised that the officers gave an overview of the figures it was not an error but is how the information is presented.

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

## **9 Quarter Three Performance Management Report**

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Management Team which presented progress against the Councils corporate performance framework for the Altogether Greener priority theme for the third quarter of the 2017/18 financial year (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Manager was in attendance to present the report.

Councillor Kay referred to page 22, paragraph 8 of the report in relation to the 2% increase on the last quarter of fly-tipping incidents and asked if there were particular spikes county wide. He then referred to his particular division which was inundated with fly-tipping and on two occasions personal details had been found with the rubbish which had been reported but no action had been taken which was disappointing as the community had reported the incidents to him but saw no outcome.

The Chairman advised that he had a similar situation with fly-tipping in his division where there was insufficient evidence for a prosecution to be brought, but the Neighbourhood Wardens would use as an opportunity to educate residents how to dispose of waste.

Councillor Kay then referred to a walk about with the MP in Coundon where they witnessed tyres been burnt which was an environmental hazard he continued that it was frustrating when members of the public provide information on incidents of fly tipping and nothing happens as that this could make people less inclined to help in the future.

The Officer responded that he could provide further information on fly-tipping to show trends and hotspots for the next meeting of the Committee.

The Chairman commented that the performance information only showed fly tipping incidents on Durham County Council's land and did not include fly-tipping incidents on private land.

Councillor Sexton enquired if the Council used statistics from County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, which was confirmed. He continued that there were issues in rural areas and asked if Members could be provided with details of the areas covered by wardens and how many cameras are available for deployment in different areas. The Officer responded that he could provide Members with the information requested.

Mr Kinch advised of a farmer who found industrial grade tyres on land close to his farm that turned out to be council land and the incident was cleared within 24 hours and suggested that the system was working in the Dales even though there is only one warden working in this area.

The Chair reminded members of the size of the County and advised the neighbourhood wardens cannot be everywhere if incidents were reported they would be followed up.

Councillor Crute advised in relation to Wardens and cameras that there were inconsistencies across County Durham and this is largely a reactive service, it would be helpful to get information.

The Chairman reminded members of the strict rules in relation to deploying cameras and that the Council is not allowed to deploy cameras in public spaces.

Members discussed the deployment of CCTV cameras in particular that some were purchased by Members but then became the property of Durham Constabulary after a year.

Councillor Milburn asked if they were not two different schemes for the purchase of cameras whereby some remained the property of the council and others became the property of the police after a limited time period.

The Chair advised that if they were different purchases then they would be subject to different rules.

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

## **10 Refresh of the Work Programme**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships, which provided Members with information contained within the Council Plan 2016-2019, relevant to the work of Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This would allow members to refresh the Committee Work Programme to reflect the 3 objectives and subsequent outcomes identified within the Council Plan or 'Altogether Greener' theme (for copy see file of minutes).

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer presented the report and advised Members that the Committee would receive regular update reports from the Single Use Plastic Task Group. Members were invited to contact the Overview and Scrutiny Officers if they had any areas that they wished to be included in the future work programme.

The Chairman thanked Officers for all their work and time in putting the reports together and asked that the Committee's thanks be conveyed back to Officers.

**Resolved:** (i) That the information contained in the Altogether Greener priority theme of the Council Plan 2016-19 be noted.

(ii) That the Environment and Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee at its meeting in July 2018, receive a further report detailing the committee's work programme for 2018-2019.

**Environment and Sustainable  
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Overview and Scrutiny  
Committee**



**13 July 2018**

**County Durham Environment  
Partnership Board**

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**Joint Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of  
Transformation & Partnerships and Ian Thompson, Corporate  
Director of Regeneration & Local Services**

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**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with background information in advance of the presentation by Steve Bhowmick, Environment and Design Manager, DCC and a member of the County Durham Environment Partnership Board focusing on the revision of the Partnership Vision and priorities and looking to work with partners to influence partnership activity and areas of focus.

**Background**

- 2 The work programme for the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee focuses on the priority areas identified within the context of the Council Plan, Cabinet's Notice of Key Decisions, the Sustainable Community Strategy, partnership plans and strategies, performance and budgetary control data and changes in government legislation.
- 3 Following a discussion with the Chair and Vice-chair of the Environment and Sustainable Communities OSC it is considered appropriate to invite to the committee on the 13 July a representative from the County Durham Environment Partnership Board to discuss with members of the committee the priorities of the partnership, activity undertaken and what is planned for the future and provides the ideal opportunity for collaboration, identifying areas of future focus for the Partnership and the Environment and Sustainable Communities OSC.
- 4 The work programme for the Environment and Sustainable Communities OSC is being refreshed for 2018 – 2019 and a report on this features later in the agenda for the meeting. In view of this, the representative from the County Durham Environment Partnership Board will also have an opportunity to comment on the committee's work programme and identify any additional areas for possible inclusion.

5 The presentation on the 13 July, will focus on:

- Vision & partnership priorities
- Partnership approach and delivery
- Areas of activity/focus

### **Recommendation**

6 Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities OSC are asked to consider the information provided during the discussion and reflect upon any additional areas arising from the presentation for inclusion in the committee's work programme for 2018 - 2019.

### **Background Paper(s)**

Environment and Sustainable Communities OSC report – Refresh of the work programme 2018-2019 – 17 April 2018

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**Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance – N/A**

**Staffing – N/A**

**Risk – N/A**

**Equality and Diversity – N/A**

**Accommodation – N/A**

**Crime and Disorder – N/A**

**Human Rights – N/A**

**Consultation – N/A**

**Procurement – N/A**

**Disability Discrimination Act – N/A**

**Legal Implications – N/A**

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**Environment and Sustainable  
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**13 July 2018**

**Managed Exit: Derwentside  
Trust for Sport and Arts**

**Joint Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of  
Transformation & Partnerships and Ian Thompson, Corporate  
Director of Regeneration & Local Services**

**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with background information in advance of a presentation by Steve Howell, Head of Culture and Sport, Regeneration and Local Services providing an overview of Leisureworks, background to the decision to in-source services, key considerations in relation to in-sourcing, transfer process and future actions.

**Background**

- 2 Leisureworks was a leisure trust set up in 2007 to run sport and arts facilities in Consett and Stanley with responsibility for the Louisa Centre at Stanley and the Empire Theatre in Consett and Consett Leisure Centre. In addition, the trust managed three parks, Blackhill and Consett Park, Annfield Plain Park and View Lane Park at Stanley.
- 3 As a result of changes in government funding the leisure trust ceased to operate in April 2018 and the activities delivered by the trust have been brought in-house.
- 4 Following a conversation with the Chair and Vice-chair of the Environment and Sustainable Communities OSC it was considered appropriate that the committee should receive a presentation providing members with detail of the background to Leisureworks, the challenges faced by the leisure trust, how services are currently delivered and plans for the future.
- 5 Arrangements have been made for Steve Howell, Head of Culture and Sport, to attend the meeting of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide a presentation focusing on:
  - Overview of services provided
  - Background to decision to in-source services
  - Key considerations in in-sourcing services
  - Transfer process

- Progress and future actions

## **Recommendation**

- 6 Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities OSC are asked to consider and comment on the information provided during the presentation.

## **Background Paper(s)**

None

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**Consultation – N/A**

**Procurement – N/A**

**Disability Discrimination Act – N/A**

**Legal Implications – N/A**

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**Environment & Sustainable Communities  
Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**13 July 2018**



**Quarter Four 2017/18  
Performance Management Report**

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**Report of Corporate Management Team  
Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships  
Councillor Simon Henig, Leader of the Council**

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**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To present progress against the council's corporate performance framework for the Altogether Greener priority theme for the fourth quarter of the 2017/18 financial year.

**Performance Reporting Arrangements for 2017/18**

- 2 Our performance reporting arrangements have been developed around a series of key performance questions aligned to the Altogether framework of six priority themes, and are designed to facilitate greater scrutiny of performance. The set of performance measures provides an indication to help answer these questions for those with corporate governance responsibilities.
- 3 There are other areas of performance that are measured through more detailed monitoring across service groupings and if performance issues arise, these will be escalated for consideration by including them in the corporate report on an exception basis.
- 4 The performance indicators are still reported against two indicator types which comprise of:
  - (a) key target indicators – targets are set for indicators where improvements can be measured regularly and where improvement can be actively influenced by the council and its partners; and
  - (b) key tracker indicators – performance is tracked but no targets are set for indicators which are long-term and/or which the council and its partners only partially influence.
- 5 This report sets out our key performance messages from data released this quarter and a visual summary for the Altogether Greener priority theme that presents key data messages from the new performance framework showing the latest position in trends and how we compare with others. A comprehensive table of key performance questions and performance data is presented in Appendix 3. An explanation of symbols used and the groups we use to compare ourselves is in Appendix 2.

- 6 To support the complete indicator set, a guide is available which provides full details of indicator definitions and data sources for the 2017/18 corporate indicator set. This is available to view and can be requested from the Corporate Planning and Performance Team at [performance@durham.gov.uk](mailto:performance@durham.gov.uk).

### **Key Performance Messages from Data Released this Quarter**

- 7 Street and environmental cleanliness is good. Although the latest survey period has seen increased levels of litter, detritus and dog fouling, levels across the county remain low. Fly-tipping incidents have seen a 4% reduction on last quarter (323 fewer incidents) but levels have remained relatively static over the last two years (see appendix 4, chart 1).
- 8 We continue to divert more than 95% of our municipal waste from landfill (96.8%) although our household reuse, recycling and composting rate has remained static since 2015/16 and below the national average. In response to the national issue of single use plastics, the council is working on the Plastic Free Pledge by phasing out the use of unnecessary single use plastics in all Durham County Council buildings while also working with partners to encourage businesses, organisations and residents to be plastic free. An Officer Working Group is taking this forward overseen by Overview and Scrutiny members.

### **Risk Management**

- 9 Effective risk management is a vital component of the council's governance arrangement. The council's risk management process sits alongside our change programme and is incorporated into all significant change and improvement projects.
- 10 There are no key risks in delivering the objectives of this theme.

### **Key Data Messages by Altogether Theme**

- 11 The next section provides a summary of key data messages for the Altogether Greener priority theme. The format of the Altogether theme provides a snapshot overview aimed to ensure that key performance messages are easy to identify<sup>1</sup>. The Altogether theme is supplemented by information and data relating to the complete indicator set, provided at Appendix 3.

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<sup>1</sup> Images designed by Freepik from Flaticon

## Altogether Greener

### Collection and disposal of waste

#### Refuse and recycling

##### 2017 rolling year data



**96.8%** municipal waste diverted from landfill, in line with target (95%)



**39.6%** household waste re-used, recycled or composted. The level has remained static since 2015/16 and below national average



Durham County Council (DCC) is working on the 'Plastic Free Pledge' by phasing out the use of unnecessary single use plastics (SUPs) in all DDC buildings while also working with partners to encourage businesses, organisations and residents to go 'plastic free'



Officer Working Group is working on the review of SUPs by the council and partners which will be overseen by Scrutiny

#### Fly-tipping

##### 2017/18 rolling year data

**4%** reduction in fly-tipping incidents recorded from last quarter

**7,617** incidents recorded, 323 less than last quarter (7,940)

**38%** reduction in fly-tipped white goods (101 less incidents)

**35%** reduction in transit van loads (125 less incidents)

**12** more incidents of asbestos being fly-tipped

### Clean and attractive environment

#### Environmental cleanliness

##### 2017/18 annual figures



**5.6%** litter, a slight reduction from last year (5.8%)



**11.7%** detritus, an increase from last year (9.8%)



**1.07%** dog fouling, a slight increase from last year (0.96%)



Operation Spruce Up, the campaign to 'clean up' and 'green up' front streets in local communities has been extended with planned spruce ups in areas including Pelton, Tow Law, Gilesgate, Trimdon Grange, Annfield Plain and Cockfield



Spruce up has taken home the title of 'campaign of the year' at environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy's Network Awards and was also shortlisted in the Local Government Chronicle Awards 2018.



Durham City is in the final of the 2018 Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Britain in Bloom competition, where it is shortlisted in the Small City category

	Actions: 2017/18	
	No.	Comment
Locations cameras have been deployed	80	23 incidents caught on CCTV
Stop and search operations	36	18 Duty of care warning letters
		11 Producers 14 FPNs issued
Further investigations:	1,598	45 PACE interviews
		10 Prosecutions £8,846 Awarded in fines, compensation, costs and surcharges
FPNs issued for fly-tipping	123	

## **Recommendations and reasons**

- 12 That the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive the report and consider any performance issues arising therewith.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Appendix 2: Report Key

Appendix 3: Summary of key performance indicators

Appendix 4: Volume measures

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance** - Latest performance information is being used to inform corporate, service and financial planning.

**Staffing** - Performance against a number of relevant corporate health Performance Indicators (PIs) has been included to monitor staffing issues.

**Risk** - Reporting of significant risks and their interaction with performance is integrated into the quarterly monitoring report.

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty** - Corporate health PIs are monitored as part of the performance monitoring process.

**Accommodation** - Not applicable

**Crime and Disorder** - A number of PIs and key actions relating to crime and disorder are continually monitored in partnership with Durham Constabulary.

**Human Rights** - Not applicable

**Consultation** - Not applicable

**Procurement** - Not applicable

**Disability Issues** - Employees with a disability are monitored as part of the performance monitoring process.

**Legal Implications** - Not applicable

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## Appendix 2: Report key

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### Performance Indicators:

#### Direction of travel/benchmarking

Same or better than comparable period/comparator group

**GREEN**

Worse than comparable period / comparator group (within 2% tolerance)

**AMBER**

Worse than comparable period / comparator group (greater than 2%)

**RED**

#### Performance against target

Meeting/Exceeding target

Getting there - performance approaching target (within 2%)

Performance >2% behind target

- ✓ Performance is good or better than comparable period/benchmark
- ✗ Performance is poor or worse than comparable period/benchmark
- ↔ Performance has remained static or is in line with comparable period/benchmark

### National Benchmarking

We compare our performance to all English authorities. The number of authorities varies according to the performance indicator and functions of councils, for example educational attainment is compared to county and unitary councils however waste disposal is compared to district and unitary councils.

### North East Benchmarking

The North East figure is the average performance from the authorities within the North East region, i.e. County Durham, Darlington, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland, Redcar and Cleveland, Stockton-On-Tees, South Tyneside, Sunderland. The number of authorities also varies according to the performance indicator and functions of councils.

### Nearest Neighbour Benchmarking:

The nearest neighbour model was developed by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), one of the professional accountancy bodies in the UK. CIPFA has produced a list of 15 local authorities which Durham is statistically close to when you look at a number of characteristics. The 15 authorities that are in the nearest statistical neighbours group for Durham using the CIPFA model are: Barnsley, Wakefield, Doncaster, Rotherham, Wigan, Kirklees, St Helens, Calderdale, Dudley, Northumberland, Tameside, Sheffield, Gateshead, Stockton-On-Tees and Stoke-on-Trent.

We also use other neighbour groups to compare our performance. More detail of these can be requested from the Corporate Planning and Performance Team at [performance@durham.gov.uk](mailto:performance@durham.gov.uk).

## Appendix 3: Summary of Key Performance Indicators

Table 1: Key Target and Tracker Indicators

Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Period target	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	Performance compared to National figure	Performance compared to *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered
<b>Altogether Greener</b>										
<b>1. How clean and tidy is my local environment?</b>										
104	NS14 a	Percentage of relevant land and highways assessed (LEQSPRO survey) as having deposits of litter that fall below an acceptable level	5.57	Dec 2017 - Mar 2018	Tracker	5.80	<b>GREEN</b>	10	<b>GREEN</b>	2014/15
105	NS14 b	Percentage of relevant land and highways assessed (LEQSPRO survey) as having deposits of detritus that fall below an acceptable level	11.72	Dec 2017 - Mar 2018	Tracker	9.79	<b>RED</b>	27	<b>GREEN</b>	2014/15
106	NS14 c	Percentage of relevant land and highways assessed as having deposits of dog fouling that fall below an acceptable level	1.07	Dec 2017 - Mar 2018	Tracker	0.96	<b>RED</b>	7	<b>GREEN</b>	2014/15

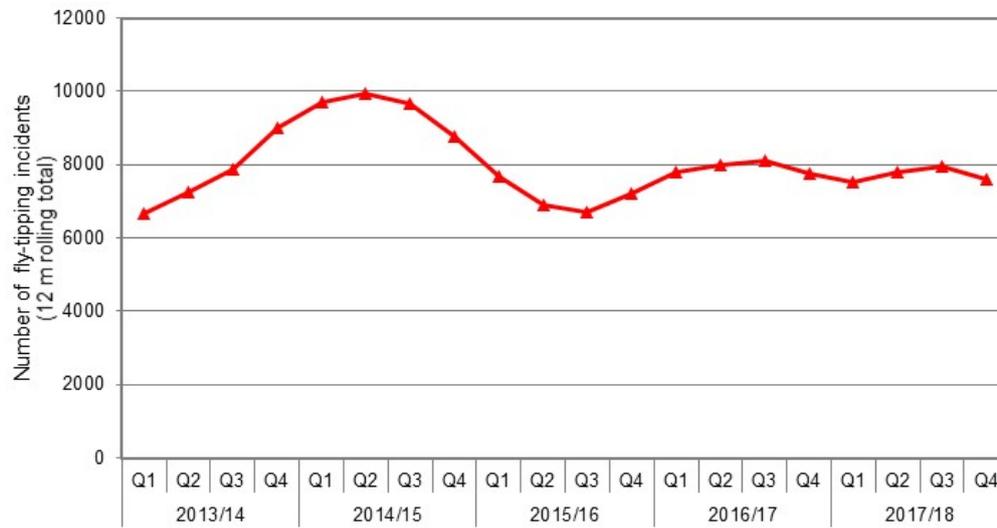
Page 26 Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Period target	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	Performance compared to National figure		Performance compared to *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered	
<b>2 Are we reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change?</b>												
107	REDP I46	Percentage reduction in CO <sub>2</sub> emissions in County Durham (by 40% by 2020 and 55% by March 2031)	49.9	2015	Tracker	48.00	GREEN					
108	REDP I48	Percentage change in CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from local authority operations	-14	2016/17	Tracker	-6.00	GREEN					
<b>3. How effective and sustainable is our collection and disposal of waste?</b>												
109	NS10	Percentage of municipal waste diverted from landfill	96.8	2017	95.0	95.3	GREEN					
110	NS19	Percentage of household waste that is re-used, recycled or composted	39.6	2017	Tracker	39.4	GREEN	43.0	RED	35.3*	GREEN	2015/16
111	NS15	Number of fly-tipping incidents	7,617	2017/18	Tracker	7,768	GREEN					

**Table 2: Other additional relevant indicators**

Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Period target	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	Performance compared to National figure	Performance compared to *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered		
<b>Altogether Wealthier</b>												
<b>4. Is it easy to travel around the county?</b>												
15	NS06 a	Percentage of A roads where maintenance is recommended (scanner survey)	3	2016/17	Tracker	4	GREEN	3	GREEN	3*	GREEN	2015/16
16	NS06 bc	Percentage of B and C roads where maintenance is recommended (scanner survey)	3	2016/17	Tracker	4	GREEN	6	GREEN	6*	GREEN	2015/16
17	NS06 d	Percentage of unclassified roads where maintenance is recommended (scanner survey)	20	2016/17	Tracker	20	GREEN	17	RED	14*	RED	2015/16

## Appendix 4: Volume Measures

### Chart 1. Fly-tipping incidents



**Environment and Sustainable  
Communities Overview and  
Scrutiny Committee**



**13 July 2018**

**Refresh of the Committee's Work  
Programme 2018 - 2019**

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**Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and  
Partnerships**

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**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To provide for Members consideration an updated work programme for the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2018-19.

**Background**

- 2 At its meeting on 17 April 2018, the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the actions identified within the Council Plan 2016 – 2019 for the Altogether Greener priority theme and agreed to refresh its work programme to include a number of these actions. In addition, topics have also been identified that are in line with the Sustainable Community Strategy, Cabinet Notice of key decisions, Partnership plans and strategies, performance and budget control data and government legislation

**Detail**

- 3 In accordance with this decision, a work programme for 2018 – 2019 has been prepared and is attached at appendix two. The work programme is very comprehensive drawing on topical areas across the remit of the committee and it should be noted that it is also flexible in respect that topics can be added throughout the year.
- 4 A review group was established from members of Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee in October 2017 to look at DCC's Allotment Services and work is continuing with this review.

**Recommendation**

- 5 Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to:
  - a) Discuss and agree the new work programme 2018 – 2019 as detailed in appendix two.

- b) Identify a topic for focused scrutiny review following the completion of the DCC's Allotment Services review project.

**Background Papers**

Council Plan 2016 – 2019

Report to Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 17 April 2018

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**Appendix 1: Implications** (The following implications are taken directly from the report to Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016)

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**Finance** - The Council Plan sets out the corporate priorities of the Council for the next three years. The Medium Term Financial Plan aligns revenue and capital investment to priorities within the Council Plan.

**Staffing** - The Council's strategies are being aligned to achievement of the corporate priorities contained within the Council Plan.

**Risk** - Consideration of risk is undertaken in the preparation of the Council Plan and Service Plans.

**Equality and diversity/Public Sector Equality Duty** - A full impact assessment has previously been undertaken for the Council Plan. The actions underpinning the Council Plan include specific issues relating to equality and aim to improve the equality of life for those with protected characteristics. The Plan has been influenced by consultation and monitoring to include equality issues. There is no evidence of negative impact for particular groups.

**Accommodation** - The council's Accommodation programme is a key corporate programme contained within the Council Plan.

**Crime and disorder** - The Altogether Safer section of the Council Plan sets out the Council's contributions to tackling crime and disorder.

**Human rights** – None

**Consultation** - Council and partnership priorities have been developed following an analysis of available consultation data including an extensive consultation programme carried out as part of the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy and this has been reaffirmed by subsequent consultation on the council's budget.

**Procurement** – None

**Disability Issues** - Accessibility issues are considered in the design of our planning document.

**Legal Implications**- None

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## Appendix 2

<p>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2018 TO 2019</p> <p>Environment &amp; Sustainable Communities OSC</p> <p>Lead Officer: Tom Gorman</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Officer: Diane Close / Ann Whitton</p> <p>IPG contact: Andy Palmer</p>	<p><b>Note:</b>  <b>O/S Review</b> - A systematic 6 monthly review of progress against recommendations/Action Plan</p> <p><b>Scrutiny/Working Group</b> – Indepth Review</p> <p><b>Overview/progress</b> – information on an issue; opportunity to comment, shape, influence, progress with a scrutiny review</p> <p><b>Performance</b> – ongoing monitoring (quarterly) performance reports/budgets</p>
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	When	Who	Outcome	Comment
<b>O/S Review</b>				
Woodlands – Update	Env OSC 8 March 2019	Sue Mullinger (ReaL)	To provide members of ENV OSC with an update on progress made against the recommendations contained in the review report.	The committee will monitor the progress made against the recommendations within the review report and receive detail of the ‘Durham Woodland Revival’ project.
Allotment Services Management	Env OSC TBC	Ian Hoult Mark Farren (ReaL)	Members will receive an update on the progress made against the recommendations contained in the review report.	The committee will monitor progress made against the recommendations within the review report.

<b>Overview/Progress</b>				
Leisure Works	ESC OSC 13 July 2018	Steve Howell  (ReaL)	To provide members with detail of the current management arrangements and future plans for the delivery of services.	Members will be aware of the current arrangements for the management of services previously provided by Leisureworks and future plans.
Environment Partnership Priorities	ESC OSC 13 July 2018	Steve Bhowmick  (ReaL)	Members will receive an overview of the priorities, activities undertaken and challenges experienced by the Environment Partnership	Members will be aware of how the ESC OSCs work programme aligns with the priorities of the Partnership and any challenges they have identified in relation to County Durham.
Air Quality	ESC OSC 4 October 2018	Denyse Holman David Gribben  (AHS)	To provide members of the committee with further detail of air quality management arrangements in County Durham.	Members will be aware of progress made in relation to the air quality management arrangements in County Durham.
Winter Maintenance Policy	Env OSC 4 October 2018	John Reed/Brian Buckley  (ReaL)	To provide members with information on the delivery of the winter maintenance programme in 2017/18 and proposals for the delivery of the programme in 2018/19.	Members will be aware of the performance and delivery of the winter maintenance programme for 2017/18 including identifying any issues and challenges. Members will also be aware of the plans for the future delivery of the winter maintenance programme in 2018/19.
Single Use Plastics	ESC OSC 4 October 2018 and 28 January 2019	Oliver Sherratt	To provide members with an update on the work of the Environment Partnership Task Group in relation to Single Use Plastics	It was agreed that members of ESC OSC would monitor the work of the Environment Partnership Task Group.

Fuel poverty campaigns	ESC OSC 16 November 2018	Cliff Duff  (ReaL)	The committee will receive information on fuel poverty in the county and the performance of various campaigns.	Members will have detail of the performance of the various campaigns aimed at tackling fuel poverty in the county and have the opportunity to provide comments.
Carbon Management Plan	Special ESC OSC 30 April 2019	Maggie Bosanquet /Stephen Beresford  (ReaL)	To provide members with an overview of the work undertaken by DCC in relation to the Carbon Management Plan.	Members will be aware of the work undertaken by DCC in relation to the Carbon Management Plan including detail of the progress of the LED lighting programme, use of electric cars etc.
Climate Change Strategy & Delivery Plan	Special ESC OSC 30 April 2019	Maggie Bosanquet  (ReaL)	The committee will receive detail of progress made in relation to the delivery plan.	The committee will be aware of the progress made against actions identified in the delivery plan including detail of relevant projects in the county for example geothermal schemes.
Gala Theatre	ESC OSC 28 January 2019	Steve Howell	To provide members with information on the Gala Theatre in relation to challenges and opportunities	Members will be aware of the challenges facing the gala Theatre and the work to address them and future opportunities.
Flood Risk Management Authorities for County Durham	Special Env OSC 8 February 2019	John Reed/Simon Longstaff/  (ReaL)  Northumbrian Water Limited & Environment Agency.	Members of the committee will receive further information from the Flood Risk Management Authorities for County Durham on current and future projects, funding, partnership working and any issue/challenges.	Members will be aware of current and future flood mitigation projects, funding availability and any issues/challenges.

Heritage Assets	ESC OSC 8 March 2019	Steve Bhowmick	Members of the Committee will receive information on the County's Heritage Assets including the changes and opportunities faced in looking after them.	Members will be aware of the number of heritage assets in County Durham and the work involved in their upkeep.
Cycle Routes in the County	ESC OSC 16 Nov 2018	Victoria Lloyd Gent	Members will receive information on the county's cycle routes and the future plans for cycle routes	Members will be aware of where the county's cycle routes are and any ongoing work and future planned work.
Community Action Team (CAT)	ESC OSC 5 April 2019	Joanne Waller/Kelly Gilmore Craze  (AHS)	To provide members of the committee with detail of the work undertaken by the CAT team and the use of targeted interventions.	Members will be aware of the work of the CAT team and how the use of targeted interventions can benefit local communities.
EU Funding and Other Carbon Funded Projects	ESC OSC 5 April 2019	Maggie Bosanquet	To provide members with detail of funding for carbon projects.	Members will be aware of current and future projects and where the funding has come from.
Environmental campaigns and fly-tipping	Special ESC OSC 10 Oct 2018	Oliver Sherratt/Ian Hoult  (ReaL)	Members will receive detail of the various Environmental campaigns undertaken by DCC and partners including projects to tackle fly-tipping in the county.	Members will be aware of how DCC and partners are targeting environmental issues in the county including fly-tipping by various campaigns and projects.
Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC's)	Special ESC OSC 21 March 2019	John Shannon  (ReaL)	Members will receive detail of the proposals in relation to the Household Waste Recycling Centres in the county.	Members will have the opportunity to receive information and provide comment on the future proposals for the Household Waste Recycling Centre's in the county.

Food waste collection	Special ESC OSC 10 Oct 2018	John Shannon  (ReaL)	The committee will receive information on the feasibility study undertaken in relation to the collection of food waste in the county.	Members will be aware of work undertaken in relation to the feasibility study undertaken in relation to food waste collection in the county.
Stockton to Darlington Railway bicentennial celebrations	Joint Special ESC OSC & E&E OSC 15 Jan 2019	Steve Howell  (ReaL)	To provide the committee with detail of the work planned and undertaken by DCC's Culture and Sport Services in relation to the celebrations.	Members will have knowledge of the various activities planned and undertaken by DCC's Culture and Sport Services as a result of the bicentennial celebrations.
Heritage Coast	Joint Special ESC OSC & E&E OSC 15 Jan 2019	Niall Benson  (ReaL)	The committee will receive detail of the development of the Heritage Coast and proposals for the future including plans for building the tourism offer.	Members will have knowledge of how the Heritage Coast has been developed and plans for the future including building the tourism offer.
Highways maintenance (potholes & actionable defects) Bridge maintenance	Special ESC OSC 21 March 2019	John Reed/Brian Buckley  (ReaL)	Members will receive detail of the work currently undertaken and issues/challenges in relation to highways and bridge maintenance.	The committee will have knowledge of the work currently undertaken by DCC in relation to highway and bridge maintenance.
Sustainable Heating/Energy – Prof. J.Gluyas	Special ESC OSC 30 April 2019	Maggie Bosanquet/ Prof John Gluyas	Members will receive detail of sustainable heating projects and initiatives	Members will be aware of the types sustainable heating projects and where they are being used
Bereavement Services	TBC	Ian Hoult  (ReaL)	Members will receive detail of the bereavement service currently provided and	Members will be aware of current and future services to be provided.

			detail of how the service is developing.	
Visit – Flooding Schemes including SUDs	TBC	John Reed/ Simon Longstaff	To provide members with an opportunity to see flood prevention schemes and SUDs in County Durham and	Members will see how works carried out have elevated flooding in areas of the County.
Visit – Thornley Waste Transfer Station and Pity Me HWRC	TBC	Oliver Sherratt/John Shannon  (ReaL)	To provide members with the opportunity to see the completed waste transfer station and to see the condition of the Pity Me HWRC and how it operates.	Members will see both the waste transfer station and the Pity Me HWRC in operation.
Visit – Heritage Assets – Auckland Castle	TBC	Steve Bhowmick  (ReaL)	Members will be given the opportunity to visit Auckland Castle one of the County's heritage assets.	Members will be able to see how DCC manage heritage assets across the county.
Stainton Grove Recycling Centre	TBC	Oliver Sherratt/ John Shannon  (ReaL)	To provide Members with the opportunity to visit the recycling centre to see the facility and services provided.	Members will be able to see 'first hand' and comment on the recycling facility and the services provided.
<b>Performance</b> Q 4 Q 1 Q 2 Q 3	13 July 2018 4 Oct 2018 28 Jan 2019 5 April 2019	Tom Gorman/Debra Kitching		Ongoing – to provide members with information on performance of the service grouping and highlight areas of prominence (those going well, and those giving cause for concern).
<b>Budget Outturn</b> Q 4 & Q1	4 Oct 2018	Phil Curran		Ongoing – highlight areas of concern. Committee to receive updates on the

Q 2 Q 3	28 Jan 2019 5 April 2019			affects and implications of MTFP on service groupings.
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**County Durham Environment Partnership Board  
Minutes**

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
The Lantern Room, Town Hall, Durham**

**Apologies**

Jamie Fletcher	-	Environment Agency
Gordon Elliott	-	Partnerships, Durham County Council
Stuart Timmiss	-	Planning, Durham County Council
Vicky Burrell	-	Strategic Waste, Durham County Council

**Attendees:**

Oliver Sherratt (Chair) (OS)	-	Direct Services, DCC
Liz Charles (LC)	-	Durham Community Action
John Reed (JR)	-	Chair, Climate Change Group
Tim Wright (TW)	-	Public Health, DCC
Steve Bhowmick (SB)	-	Chair, Coastal, Heritage and Landscapes Group
Katharine Birdsall (KB)	-	Environment Agency
Stella Hindson (SH)	-	Communications, DCC
Tarryn Lloyd Payne (TLP)	-	Secretariat, Partnerships Team, DCC
Graham Dell (GD)	-	Coal Authority
Jeremy Regan (JReg)	-	Coal Authority
Angela Brown (Minutes) (AB)	-	Secretariat, Partnerships, DCC

Item No.	Subject	Action By
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b> OS welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to Graham and Jeremy from the Coal Authority. Round table introductions were initiated and apologies were listed.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes and Matters Arising</b> All actions were agreed as a true and accurate record</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Priorities are on agenda as agreed</li> <li>• In relation to Joint Health &amp; Wellbeing Strategy TLP met with Glenn Robinson, Tim Wright and Steve Bhowmick and fed into the overall plan. The plan will be distributed once its agreed</li> <li>• OCUMA – IH was looking to take up support from Durham University and join up system with</li> </ul>	

	<p>Environmental Health data. It would be useful to have a sharing of the two systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment Award – is on today's agenda</li> </ul>		
3.	<p><b>Environment Strategic Priorities</b></p> <p>The plan on the page draft was presented at the last meeting and took on board partners comments and made necessary amendments.</p> <p>TLP mentioned that everyone seemed to be fairly happy with the four themes but we need to decide what we want to do. JC fed in and wants us to change the logo. LC has asked to feed comments in the next couple of days. OS mentioned that an important element pyramid is missing actions, once this is agreed then we will populate with actions. It sets out the overall direction and themes.</p> <p>OS suggested next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a partnership and our own organisations we need to consider further formal steps to get 'buy in'</li> <li>• Looking to take to ReaL Management Team for buy in. Beyond that possibly take with a brief report to County Durham Partnership. If we are setting these as key themes we need to have formal approval.</li> </ul> <p>The Board endorsed this.</p>	ALL	
4.	<p><b>Environment Awards Highlights – Steve Bhowmick</b></p> <p>The Board watched a video which had been put together for the Environment Awards. It was very early stage of editing so are aware that there is a lot of work to be done. SH asked for feedback in relation to the video.</p> <p>It was suggested that rather than a video its maybe better to show pictures with music. The video will be used for potential sponsors and potential applicants. Want to showcase a range of categories.</p> <p>The video was 12 minutes it has been agreed that this should be cut to around 3 minutes and a different approach is needed as it wasn't clear on the video what the categories were.</p> <p>OS suggested something similar like Visit Co Durham did for year in life of County Durham with little snippets which would help to promote Durham environment.</p> <p>SH will feed this back the comments to the Communications Team</p>	ALL	SH
5.	<p><b>Wear Catchment Partnership – Katharine Birdsall, Environment Agency</b></p> <p>KB gave a presentation to the Board on the catchment Partnerships in the North East and the Wear catchment in particular.</p>		

	<p>The following were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the Catchment Based Approach</li> <li>• The Wear Catchment Partnership: focus and achievements</li> <li>• What is next for the Catchment Partnerships</li> <li>• Links with the County Durham Environment Plan</li> </ul> <p>AB to circulate presentation</p> <p>Questions/comments</p> <p>It was asked if there was representation from farmers and landowners on Wear Rivers Trust. KB replied that farmers/landowners are less engaged on a strategic side of things, but links are there and have done a lot of good work in making the links. It was felt that strong partnership is very important</p> <p>In relation to geographical gaps because of funding the Environment Agency gives to projects it relies on evidence, although we know the area is failing getting evidence of this can be more difficult. There is a lot we would like to work on if could access the funding. Will BREXIT have impact on funding? – RDP grant money and running workshops the next one is end of March. KB will share information from DEFRA once this is available. Have 25 year plan working towards going beyond more than the water quality, hoping that funding will come from Government. The top part of the catchment is covered by AONB Peatland work and Coal Authority had quite a lot of money put into it. There are lots more to scope. Coastal streams have been given quite a lot of focus.</p> <p>OS thanked KB for her presentation</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>KB</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Wear catchment water and abandoned metal mines – Graham Dell, Coal Authority</b></p> <p>GD thanked the Board for the opportunity to come along to present today. He mentioned that the Coal Authority were formed at the end of the UK deep coal mining era in 90s. Currently working with the Environment Agency and DEFRA. They cover nationwide area but the North East for mining and metal mining and iron in rivers.</p> <p>Comments/Questions JReg mentioned that they have regular partnership conversations and are mindful that some of the schemes are visible from public highways and byways.</p>	

	<p>The benefits are quantified by the increase in watersports coming into the area and fiscal impact through to property prices which are impacted on water quality. If you can reduce content the benefits would be apparent over a period of time.</p> <p>The reason so much money is being put into the Pennines is that they are severally polluted. Looking at engaging local committees who have an interest in metal mining. It needs to be cleaned up but how can we collectively as a community help to do this?</p> <p>OS thanked GD and JReg for presenting today and mentioned that it was great to hear about the work that's going on.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Updates from Group Chairs &amp; Questions</b></p> <p><u>Coastal, Heritage &amp; Landscape Group</u>  SB updated the Board:  Due to bad weather the group did not meet, so the last meeting was held in December. Discussion took place around seascape coastline from Tees to Tyne. Looking at new delivery and £248,000 is available Project offers to lead that. Will be worth around £5m.</p> <p>Durham woodland revival £80,000 HLF Durham Woodlands in the home. Looking at 4 study areas on that. Existing HLF schemes – new visitor centre is awaiting completion in Thornley. Bright Water has good vibes for HLF Phase 2 hoping to talk to marine management organisation Zoey Mckie. Wildflower Meadows goes from strength to strength have secured over 150,000 from planning money for new kit all come about through this group from bringing players together. Project greening the gap – have had more feedback and heritage at risk are looking at areas where heritage is under threat and trying to understand what the management needs of that are. Two heritage action zones have been awarded for Bishop Auckland town centre and the line and environs of the Stockton and Darlington Railway. Highways England are looking to do a similar scheme as us on wildflower work on the A1 so will be interesting to see how that relates.</p> <p><u>Environment in Your Communities</u>  LC updated the Board  A new campaign giving advice on refuse, recycling and revamping will be launched very soon.</p>	

Sainsbury's Waste Less, Save more – following on from the fridge in Shildon Alive two new fridges are being opened in Consett and Chester-Le-Street.  
OLIO Food Sharing App is free app which enable everyone to share food. Since the launch in November 2017 nine stores and cafes are involved, 26 volunteers are trained to collect unwanted food and three community drop boxes have been installed in the Durham City area. There are 165 new users. Both Brandon and Carville areas are promoting the app.

ON 20<sup>th</sup> January Edible Gilesgate held a Lantern Parade which was very well received.

Work is continuing on the fish project in Willington and will start in Gilesgate too offering more therapeutic work

At last meeting had an update from the Environment Agency looking at possible impact changes on plastic recycling.

OS mentioned DCC Policy has been adopted and Overview and Scrutiny will be looking to the Environment Partnership to look to promoting single use plastic being phased out. OS has not yet been approached but suggested that maybe get small group together to look at these issues. John Shannon from Waste Team and Environment Agency. OS will speak to John and get a group to integrate together. SB mentioned that need to be mindful that across the service there is an internal approach on this so we need to ensure we avoid duplication

#### Climate Change & Air Quality Group

JR – The name of the group has now expanded, so it is now the Climate Change and Air Quality group. The remit has also expanded and Denyse Holman, Environmental Health and Joanne Waller are now part of the group. We welcomed the opportunity to be part of the group through air quality. Wood burning stoves are popular and sometimes people don't use the appropriate fuel. Trying to encourage people to use the right type of fuel from sustainable resources, also linking with Cliff Duff who has joined the group from the Housing side so very valuable to have him as has knowledge of accessing grants as well as Energy Efficiency. Working to explore moss walls imitative and are working with planners to identify if funding can be identified. Keen to do a pilot on this.

	<p><u>Chair update</u>  OS mentioned that at the last County Durham partnership meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January the main highlight was Aykley Heads Development, County Council HQ moving and 6000 jobs to be created over the period. A few weeks ago attended Forum on Social isolation looking at how the partners might be combatting that.  In relation to the consultation for Durham History Centre one of the outcomes of Aykley Heads will mean proposals to move archives to Mount Oswald.</p>		
8.	<p><b>Environment Partnership Communications</b>  SH circulated the spring edition draft of the Environment newsletter  The Spruce up to continue is the front page headline which is confirming the programmes continuation.    The Environment awards is on the back of the newsletter asking for sponsors    Caring for Environment Awards – call out to all partners if know of anyone going the extra mile please let SH know so it can be highlighted.</p>		
9.	<p><b>AOB</b>  AAP priorities report should be available soon. Keen to see what is written in relation to state of roads and litter.    Over the last period now have Government 25 year plan do we want short presentation on the context of the plan?  SB mentioned that would ideally like Defra to present and possibly for the next meeting. SB will speak to Graham at the Environment Agency regarding this.</p>	SB	
10.	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting</b>  20<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 10.00am, The Burlison Room, Town Hall, Durham</p>		

**Minutes of a meeting of the Northumbria Regional Flood and Coastal Committee held at the Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle upon Tyne on Friday, 19 January 2018 at 9.45 am**

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Mr P Rothwell	Chair
	Councillor Arlene Ainsley	Sub - Newcastle City Council
	Mr S Binks	Sub - Middlesbrough Council
	Mr A Burnett	Sub – North Tyneside Council
	Mr H Clear-Hill	Independent Member
	Mr K Cokill	Independent Member
	Mr J Copeland	Independent Member
	Mr S Dickie	Independent Member
	Mr N Hill	Redcar and Cleveland Council
	Dr J Hogger	Independent Member
	Councillor M James	Hartlepool BC
	Mr S Longstaff	Sub - Durham County Council
	Councillor M Mordey	Sunderland City Council
	Councillor J McElroy	Gateshead Council
	Councillor N Oliver	Northumberland County Council
	Mr J Riby	Independent Member
	Councillor Moira Smith	South Tyneside Council
	Mr A Smuk	Sub - Stockton Council

<b><u>Officers:</u></b>	Mr O Harmar	Area Director
	Mr A Cadas	Operations Manager
	Ms L Huntington	Area Flood and Coastal Risk Manager
	Mr J Heslop	PSO Team Leader
	Mrs J McCarthy	FCRM Programme Manager
	Mr K Davison	FCRM Adviser
	Mr B Marley	NRFCC Secretary

<b><u>In Attendance:</u></b>	Prof L Frostick	Board Member
	Mr P Armin	North East Coastal Group

There were 15 observers in attendance

**01/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Committee received apologies from Councillors B Carson, G Bell, J Harrison, T Harvey, B Norton and Mike Smith. Steena Nasapen-Watson of Northumbrian Water also passed on her apologies for absence.

The Committee confirmed the substitute members as noted in the list above.

**02/18 MEMBERSHIP**

The Chairman said that Councillor Danny Wood from Durham County Council had left the Committee with a replacement member yet to be appointed by the Council.

**03/18 PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None declared.

**04/18 MINUTES**

The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2017.

**05/18 MATTERS ARISING [NRFCC/175]**

There were no new matters arising with all actions complete, apart from one to be carried forward to April.

**06/18 LOCAL LEVY PRESENTATION**

This item had been included at the request of Members following the November Committee Meeting. Jenny McCarthy, Kane Davison and Leila Huntington covered a number of issues including:

- How Levy can be used
- An overview of the current programme
- How the programme is managed, including the process for requesting and spending allocations
- Other opportunities for using Levy

The slides used during the presentation were circulated to Members after the meeting for their information. During the presentation and the discussion afterwards, the Committee highlighted the following issues:

**a) Use of Local Levy**

The Committee recognised and welcomed the level of flexibility afforded by the Levy. Members were informed that some RFCCs ‘banked’ Levy money to fund larger schemes in the future. This had been discussed at the last Programming and Investment Sub-Group (P&I Sub-Group) meeting in the context of using Levy money to support larger schemes that deliver the most outcomes.

Jenny McCarthy referred to the top schemes as listed in ‘Top projects better protecting homes 2018/19 to 2020/21’ (NRFCC/179). Jenny is able to provide more detail on the Levy support towards those schemes.

In the context of being able to use Levy to fund local authority revenue expenditure, local authority Members expressed concern that there appeared to be a two-tier system in operation with the Environment Agency able to spend on revenue, but this was not the case for works managed by local authorities. This had been highlighted at a recent P&I Sub-Group meeting during a discussion on the Sunderland City-Wide culverting work. While this had been approved by the Sub-Group, doubts had been expressed afterwards about this scheme’s eligibility for Levy funding.

Leila Huntington explained that it was more a case of a lack of clarity of whether that scheme constituted capital or maintenance work. In the event, the difficulties had been addressed and the scheme had been given the go ahead with Levy funding.

Members suggested a course of action to lobby for change in the way that Local Levy can be spent to address the apparent anomaly where local authorities raise the Levy but are restricted to spending money raised on capital only.

### **Resolved**

It was resolved to:

- i) Ask the Chair to write to the Government to request a change in the rules regarding how Levy can be spent on revenue. He will also raise this in the context of the Fair Funding Review and at the RFCC Chairs meeting.
- ii) Invite the local authority members to organise a meeting with local MPs in order to discuss and try to obtain their support for a change in the rules for spending of Levy.
- iii) Provide a briefing note to the local authority members to support their discussions with MPs.

### **b) Interest on Funds in the Local Levy Account**

Councillor James asked for clarification on whether Local Levy funding raised during the year attracted interest on deposits and, if so, whether the interest accrued was added to the Levy account and made available for re-investment.

### **Resolved**

It was resolved to investigate if interest is accrued on Local Levy funds held on deposit and to advise the Committee of the outcome.

### **c) Other Opportunities for Using Local Levy**

Leila Huntington outlined some case studies from North West and Anglian Eastern RFCCs on funding posts from Local Levy, comparing the number of posts and money spent by the Northumbria NRFCC. She also highlighted some of the challenges of increasing the number of Levy funded posts and the potential impact on outcomes by increasing the number of posts by four.

Replying to Councillor Mordey, EA officers accepted that there were some positives from bringing in extra resource in terms of increasing confidence in scheme delivery and providing more opportunities for developing a pipeline of schemes.

Councillor Oliver said it would be beneficial to understand the impact of the Community Engagement Officers as a way of providing evidence on the benefit of Local Levy funded officers.

Hugh Clear-Hill asked if the Community Engagement Officers had been distracted by other Environment Agency work following the change in the hosting arrangements. Replying, Leila Huntington said that this had not been the case.

Leila presented some possible guiding principles for new posts funded by the Local Levy and asked for the Committee's guidance on the need for further posts.

Councillor Mordey suggested that it would be useful to explore the advantages and disadvantages of funding further posts at the forthcoming round of partnership group meetings and to bring a draft proposal to the P&I Sub-Group in March. To assist the discussion, it would be beneficial to have available the results of the skills and capacity audit that had been requested after the officer workshop held in October 2017.

### **Resolved**

It was resolved to ask the four partnership groups to explore options for utilising the Local Levy to provide extra resource to support the programme and bring a proposal to the March P&I Sub-Group and ultimately to the Committee in April 2018.

Leila asked the Committee if the information presented on the Local Levy met with their expectations. Members confirmed that this was the case. The Chair thanked Leila, Jenny and Kane for producing the slides and explaining the information so clearly.

### **07/18 NORTHUMBRIA INTEGRATED DRAINAGE PARTNERSHIP – LOCAL LEVY PROPOSAL [NRFCC/176]**

Jim Heslop presented a paper to the Committee to approve an allocation of £350k from the Local Levy to support an accelerated programme of Northumbria Integrated Drainage Partnership (NIDP) studies following the recommendation of the P&I Sub-Group.

He highlighted the successful record of the partnership identifying 10 schemes that have been identified and added to the programme, with a total investment of £9m and more than 1000 households better protected.

He outlined the challenges faced to develop a programme post 2021 and the fact that the partnership is well placed to deliver these challenges because of its experience in delivering more integrated and complex schemes relying on strong partnership working.

The proposed acceleration programme for 2018/19 and 2019/20 which was supported by the P&I Sub Group, increased investment from £1.2m to £2m

contribution over the period. The contribution requested from the Local Levy was £350k including £30k towards the funding of an NIDP Project Manager for 2 years. The contributions outlined in the paper remained indicative, pending partner approval on the amounts and the specific locations.

Offering his support for this proposal, Hugh Clear-Hill asked for more clarity on what would replace the current 6-year programme.

The Chair said that while the Government had not yet made a decision, he understood that there was pressure for a much longer settlement post 2020/21, or for a rolling programme.

Jim Heslop and Lynne Frostick answered Councillor James' concerns about impacts on resources and capacity and the changes in the way that farming subsidies are to be paid, post Brexit.

### **Resolved**

It was resolved to approve the request for £350k of Local Levy to support the accelerated programme of Northumbria Integrated Drainage Partnership Studies.

## **08/18 AREA UPDATE [NRFCC/177]**

Jenny McCarthy submitted the North East Area Flood and Coastal Risk Management report covering all aspects of work to the end of Quarter 3.

Jenny highlighted the financial position and Leila Huntington expanded upon the remainder of the report. Some case studies on efficiencies, as requested by the Committee, were included in Appendix 3 of the report.

Replying to Mr Copeland about the maintenance budget, Alan Cadas confirmed the expectation to spend the full budget of £2.7m.

In reply to a further question about maintenance of historical Natural Flood Management Assets, Leila said that these were being addressed on a case-by-case basis at the moment with any updates to be included in the next Area report.

### **Resolved**

It was resolved to note the report.

## **09/18 FCRM GRANT-IN-AID ALLOCATIONS AND PROGRAMME 2018/19 [NRFCC/178 AND 179]**

Jenny McCarthy submitted a national paper on indicative capital and revenue maintenance for 2018/19 allocations and a local paper on the capital programme refresh. The local paper highlighted an increase of £12.6m in capital spending over the next three years with total spending forecast at £30m. Over the 6-year period it was anticipated that 6,433 homes would be better protected from flooding.

Jenny said that there had been some changes to the programme since its approval for submission on 3 November 2017. The changes had been made in consultation with Risk Management Authorities.

The main change related to the Seahouses project that had been accelerated in November for completion before March 2021. However, the project had now been moved back to beyond 2021. This enabled an increase in the allocation from £1.45m to £4.1m to Strategy Frontage 3, a Sunderland City Council Scheme. There was high confidence that the Seahouses Scheme would still be able to complete before the end of March 2021 by securing funding outside of the refresh.

A further £60k had also been secured for Tyne Dock to enable project completion by the end of the 6-year period.

Discussions were taking place nationally on the funding profile through to 2020/21 to even out the marked dip in expenditure in 2019/20.

### **Resolved**

It was resolved to:

- i) Consent the final draft FCRM Grant-in-Aid capital programme outlined in appendix 1 of paper NRFCC/179.
- ii) Consent the indicative revenue maintenance programme as outlined in table 3 of paper NRFCC/178.
- iii) Note the draft indicative allocations to 2021 and the associated homes better protected targets.

### **10/18 PROGRAMMING AND INVESTMENT SUB-GROUP CHAIR'S REPORT [NRFCC/180]**

The Chair submitted the report of the Programming and Investment Sub-Group following its meeting on 12 December 2017.

### **Resolved**

It was resolved to note the report and approve the recommendations for £25k of Local Levy for Dunelm Drive/Gilpin Woods and the adjustments in funding set out in the tables in item 4.5.

### **11/18 CHAIR'S UPDATE**

The Chair reported as follows:

#### **a) Association of Drainage Authorities' (ADA) Meeting proposal**

ADA had offered to attend a future meeting and the Chair would consider this and respond.

**b) National Flood Forum Meeting proposal**

Paul Cobbing, Chief Executive of the National Flood Forum had offered to attend and give a presentation on the Forum's work. However, it was noted that Mr Cobbing had attended a meeting in July 2016, so unless there was something substantially different to say, it may be too soon for another visit. The Chair undertook to check.

**c) Visit to Northumbrian Water**

The Chair reported on a very useful and uplifting visit to Northumbrian Water.

**d) RFCC Chairs' Meeting**

The Chief Executive had been present and thanked the RFCCs for their work. The Chairs had also discussed the 25-year Environment Plan.

**e) Future Meetings**

The Chair said that he hoped to attend a NIDP meeting and some partnership groups over the coming quarter. He would also be representing the RFCC Chairs at the forthcoming Water Leaders Group meeting.

**f) 25 Year Environment Plan**

Prior to the meeting, the Chair had asked James Copeland and Jim Cokill to comment on the Plan from an agricultural and environmental perspective.

James Copeland said that changes post Brexit were the biggest for quite some time, though there would be a transitional period through to 2021/22. He welcomed the emphasis on incentive schemes and market approaches to pay farmers for delivering improvements to the environment, but there was a lack of detail in the Plan and he looked forward to receiving more certainty in the future backed up by legislative change.

Jim Cokill said that he welcomed the approach and the emphasis on reducing the risk of harm from pollution and drought. However, it appeared that there was nothing significantly different in the Plan over and above what was delivered already. So like James, he looked forward to much more detail on how the plan would be delivered backed up by legislation and adequate funding.

Lynne Frostick said that she welcomed the fact that the document was different to previous Plans and there were obvious influences and similarities. While there was nothing in the Plan to object to, some of the objectives might be difficult to deliver.

Oliver Harmar said that he welcomed and supported the document especially the commitment for an extended National Forest, the proposals for peat land restoration and the proposals to produce 14 Natural Capital Plans based on Environment Agency Area boundaries.

**12/18 COMMITTEE SECRETARY**

The Chair said that this would be Brian Marley's last meeting as he would soon be retiring from the Environment Agency after 43 years' service, including 36 as Secretary of this Committee and predecessors.

He invited John Riby to say some words of thanks and presented Brian with some gifts.

Brian thanked the Chair and the Committee for their kind words and gifts and said that he would miss attending NRFCC meetings but wished the Committee all good wishes for the future.

**13/18 NEXT MEETING**

Friday, 20 April 2018 at 10.00 am at Tyneside House, Newcastle.

## Durham Strategic Flood Prevention Group

**Wednesday 9 May 2018**

**3.00 p.m. to 4.35 p.m.**

**Conference Room 4C,**

**Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ**

Present:

Claire Barry (CB) [Minutes], PA to the Head of Technical Services, Durham County Council  
 Anna Caygill (AC), Community Engagement Officer, Environment Agency  
 David Charlton (DC), Assistant Sustainable Sewerage Manager, Northumbrian Water  
 Jim Heslop (JH), Team Leader, Partnerships and Strategic Overview, Environment Agency  
 Simon Longstaff (SL), Drainage and Coastal Defence Manager, Durham County Council  
 John Reed (JR) [Chair], Head of Technical Services, Durham County Council  
 Councillor Angela Surtees (AS), Durham County Council/NRFCC Member  
 Zoe Thirlaway (ZT), Senior Spatial Policy Officer, Durham County Council

Apologies:

Brian Buckley (BB), Strategic Highways Manager, Durham County Council  
 Stephen Hudson (SH), Senior Project Officer, Wear Rivers Trust  
 Peter Nailon (PN), Director, Wear Rivers Trust  
 Steena Nasapen-Watson (SNW), Sustainable Sewerage Manager, Northumbrian Water  
 Cllr Danny Wood (DW), Durham County Council/NRFCC Member

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Assigned Officer</b>	<b>By When</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 8 February 2018</b></p> <p>No issues were raised.</p>	-	-
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b><i>Flooding in County Durham</i></b>                      MP carried out a presentation and is to determine if data could be shared through this forum; MP is to provide an update at the next meeting.</p>	<b>MP</b>	<b>26.09.18</b>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Capital Programme – Dashboard Report</b></p> <p><b><i>DCC Schemes</i></b>                      The projects for Barnard Castle, Hardwick Estate in Sedgefield and Bowburn A177 culvert are to be detailed as NIDP on future dashboard reports; SL is to action.</p> <p><b><i>EA Schemes</i></b>                      EA presented a video regarding Rookhope; the group confirmed their agreement for this to be publicised via social media; JH is to action.</p>	<b>SL</b>	<b>15.06.18</b>
		<b>JH</b>	<b>08.06.18</b>

	<p><b>NW Schemes</b></p> <p>Woods Terrace and Stephens Road in Murton are to be updated onto the dashboard report for completion in June/July 2018; DC is to provide the updated information to SL.</p>	DC	01.06.18
4.	<p><b>DEFRA Efficiencies Update</b></p> <p>There may be the possibility of an efficiency for Chester-le-Street; further information is to be provided when available.</p>	-	-
5.	<p><b>Update on Durham Medium Term Plan (MTP)</b></p> <p>JH is to provide the high level document regarding the FCERM programme refresh to SL.</p>	JH	01.06.18
6.	<p><b>Update on Flood Investigations</b></p> <p>DCC have received 130 requests for investigations from 9 February 2018 to 9 May 2018; 105 have been completed. There were 11 requests carried over from the previous period.</p> <p>A breakdown of the investigations detailed by the geographical areas is provided below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chester le Street: 13</li> <li>▪ Derwentside: 23</li> <li>▪ Durham: 16</li> <li>▪ Easington: 15</li> <li>▪ Sedgefield: 13</li> <li>▪ Teesdale: 13</li> <li>▪ Wear Valley: 37</li> </ul> <p>A breakdown of the investigations detailed by the source of the flooding is provided below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sewer: 3</li> <li>▪ Highway: 3</li> <li>▪ Overland: 5</li> <li>▪ River/water: 0</li> <li>▪ Other/uncategorised: 119</li> </ul>	-	-
7.	<p><b>Update from the Northern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (NRFCC)</b></p> <p>Phil Rothwell has invited the RFCC group to think about priorities for the future. JR highlighted the difficulty of obtaining voluntary third-party contributions to flood prevention schemes and that legal policies are needed to require beneficiaries to contribute. Farming practices have impacted on the increased flood risk due to the compacting of the ground whereby it was suggested that work is undertaken to review how farmers could manage their land to reduce flood risk. JH is to provide an update to Phil.</p>	JH	01.06.18



11.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b><i>Chester-le-Street Flood Prevention Scheme</i></b>  There is an issue with the scheme and sewer at Chester-le-Street; DCC are liaising with NW. There is a Section 185 notice that is to be considered on 11 May 2018; DC is to arrange for the relevant officer from NW to contact SL.</p> <p><b><i>Environmental Permitting Consultation</i></b>  Information regarding the Environmental Permitting Consultation has been circulated by Defra; this is to close on 20 June 2018. ZT is to provide the link to SL for review.</p> <p><b><i>Sewers for Adoption 8 including Adoption of SuDS</i></b>  NW are to undertake a presentation on 11 May 2018 to NIDP; DC is to provide an update to the group at the next meeting.</p>	<p>DC</p> <p>ZT</p> <p>DC</p>	<p>01.06.18</p> <p>08.06.18</p> <p>26.09.18</p>
12.	<p><b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3.00 p.m. Wednesday 26 September 2018</b>  <b>Conference Room 4B,</b>  <b>Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ</b></p>	-	-