

County Durham Environment & Climate Change Partnership

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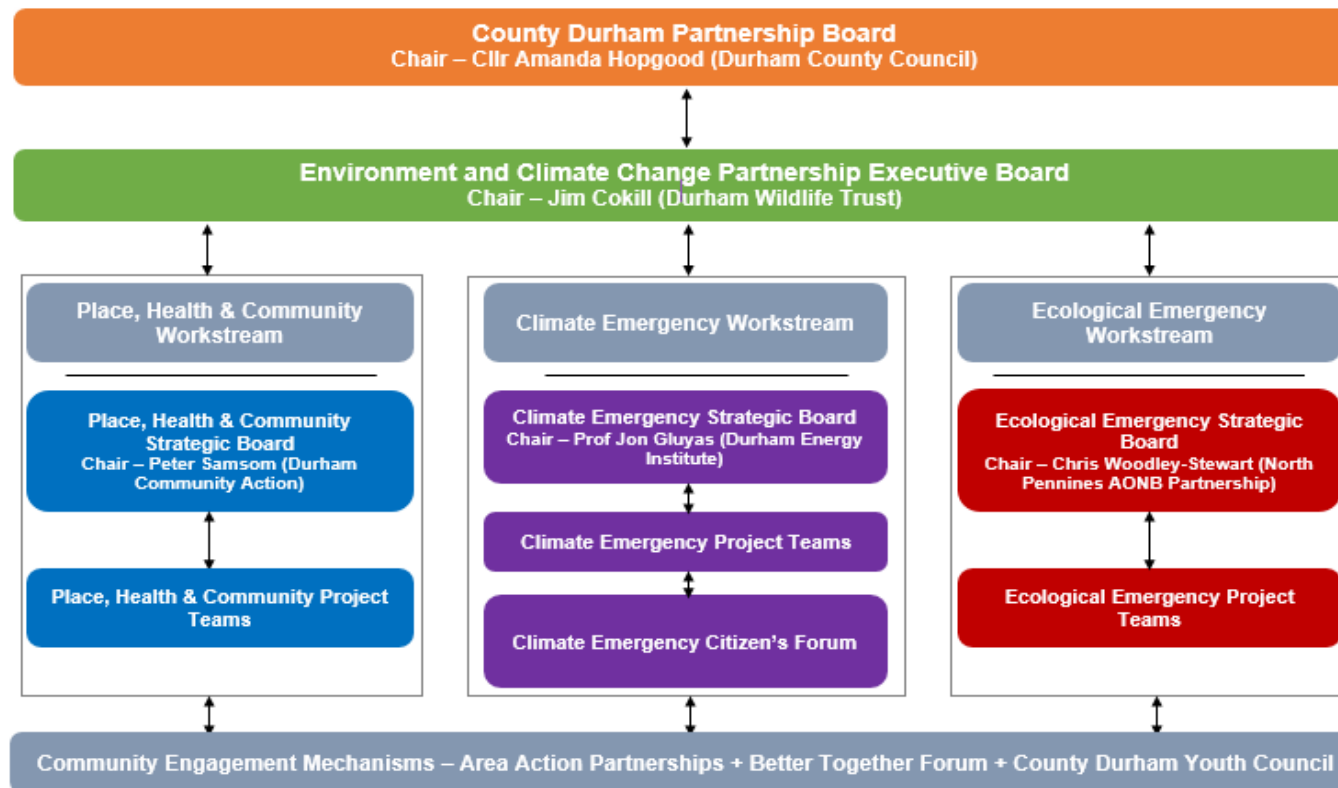
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ECCP Partnership Governance Structure



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Delivering the Vision 2035

County Durham is a place where there are more and better jobs, people live long and independent lives and our communities are well connected and supportive.

Environment and Climate Change Partnership Objectives from the Vision 2035

1.2	Build on growth in green technologies
1.3	Protect and enhance our core heritage and natural assets and biodiversity
2.3	Maximise quality of local environment and clean air with opportunities to be physically active
2.3	Reduce carbon emissions and mitigate against the impact of climate change
2.3	Encourage sustainable transport choices
3.5	Air quality (transport)
3.7	Ensure homes are built to ambitious standards in terms of energy efficiency, carbon footprint and wider environmental impacts
3.7	Design of development to be sympathetic to the natural, built and historic environment
-	Protecting our natural environment



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Environment & Climate Change Partnership

Vision: 'A better County Durham: sustainable communities, resilient to climate change, richer in nature.'

Executive members:

- County Durham Economic Partnership
- County Durham Sport
- Durham Community Action
- Durham County Council
- Durham Energy Institute
- Durham University
- Durham Wildlife Trust
- North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership



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Climate Emergency Workstream – overview

- Chair Jon Gluyas, Durham Energy Institute
- Supported by Low Carbon Economy team
- Meetings quarterly
- Attendees - major County Durham organisations
- Remit - countywide emissions
- Links to national government – Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Ministry of Housing CLG present as observers



Gala Theatre Durham solar photovoltaic array



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Climate Emergency Workstream – priority areas

- Each partner outlined organisation’s carbon reduction and climate change engagement targets, plans and activities to date
- Immediate priority actions :
 - Solar car ports, electric vehicle charging and the greening of under-utilised car parks
 - Develop a customised Local Area Energy Plan
 - Develop a Countywide action plan to tackle the Climate Emergency



Ecological Emergency Workstream – overview

Role: to co-ordinate strategic action to reverse the decline in biodiversity across County Durham.

Workstream representatives include:

- Durham County Council
- Durham Wildlife Trust
- North Pennines AONB
- Natural England
- Environment Agency
- Woodland Trust



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Ecological Emergency Workstream – priority areas

- Raise of the local profile of the ecological emergency and to promote collaborative action to reverse the decline in habitats and species.
- Develop a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for County Durham Including identifying our biodiversity priorities and associated actions.
 - A statement of biodiversity priorities, outcomes and actions
 - A local habitat map
 - Statutory requirement of the Environment Bill



Place, Health & Community Workstream – overview

Vision: ‘To promote engagement and activity to improve environmental outcomes in communities across County Durham and promote sustainability, health and wellbeing across each workstream area of the Environment and Climate Change partnership.’

Workstream representatives include:

- Housing providers
- Environmental NGO’s: OASES, Groundwork, Rivers Trusts
- Environment and community 3rd sector organisations: Durham Community Action, Durham Wildlife Trust
- DCC policy leads: Planning, Public Health, Partnerships
- Governmental policy leads: Historic England, Environment Agency



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Place, Health & Community Workstream – objectives

- Providing support and information
- Integrate our priorities within those of the Health and Economy thematic groups.
- Enabling collaborative working across the other ECCP workstreams so that the liveability agenda is recognised within both Ecological and Climate Emergency workstream priorities.
- Engaging with regional actors and national initiatives to bring learning experiences that can enhance county-based responses.



Place, Health & Community Workstream – priority areas

Next 12 months

- Community food production
- Towns and Villages investment plans
- Local Heritage Listing project
- ‘Tree Per Child’ initiative
- Suite of indicators and targets

Long term

- Create sustainable, healthy communities
- Promoting nature-based solutions to the climate emergency, flood risk management and the Green Recovery



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Challenges for the Environment & Climate Change Partnership

- Thematic links
- Strategy to delivery
- Size of agenda
- Finance and resources
- Raising awareness
- Achieving meaningful outcomes



Questions or comments



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