**Notes from Tyne Catchment Partnership Planning Workshop**

**16th April 2015, Gateshead Civic Centre**

**Present**

Mary Weatherby, Eva Diran (EA), Derek Hilton Brown (Newcastle City Council), Michelle Armstrong, James Prime (Groundwork NE), Susan Mackirdy (TRT), Amy Ridgeon (S Tyneside), Steve Lowe, Emma Craig (Northumberland Wildlife Trust), Peter Bell (Gateshead Council), Lynne Dunleavy (Flood Partnership), Abi Mansley (TRT)

**Apologies**

Angus Collingwood-Cameron, Clare Deasy, Hugh Clear-Hill, Lindsay Bramwell, Monique Specksnyder, Phil Hartley, Sarah Tooze

1. Abi outlined the purpose of today and some of the Medium Term Plan criteria. Questions to Mary and Eva were about
	1. If burns and tributaries can be included - yes
	2. Match funding : it has to be minimum 20% (which can include cash and in kind) and overall 30% - Eva will circulate some example costings from HLF and CSF. Steve mentioned how difficult it can be for the 3rd sector to secure match
	3. Proposed projects must address a probable or confirmed failing element or a mitigation measure
	4. Whether EU funding can be used as match – yes
	5. The scale of the pot – possibly between £500k - £1million in the Northumbrian River Basin
	6. We can be cross-boundary with other river catchments on big issues
	7. There can be links with flood risk management / projects with multiple benefits. Action Abi – circulate the link to the online mapping of the remodelled woodlands for water on the FC website
	8. More detail on the ‘lines’ in the spreadsheet will be needed in the autumn. Projects can be programmed in to start in year 2 or 3 (etc) of the Medium Term Plan if there are uncertainties. Existing projects / recent projects that would need an extension are also eligible.
2. **Projects discussed (PTO)**

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|  | **Project area / name / notes** | **Lead organisation for filling in the spreadsheet** | **Other partners who will want to co-ordinate on this project (not exhaustive!)** |
| 1. | Don – misconnections, sediment, CSOs, contaminated land, industry. Note – 3 different local authorities in this area.  | Gateshead / LNP (Durham Wildlife Trust)  | S Tyneside, Sunderland, EA, TRT, NWL, Groundwork  |
| 2. | Team – flood management, habitat creation, tributaries (including Black Burn) | Gateshead | EA, Durham Wildlife Trust, Groundwork, TRT |
| 3. | Rowletch Burn – landfills? Industrial Estate misconnections | EA | Groundwork, Gateshead, TRT |
| 4. | Ouseburn – actions coming out of the evidence and measures recommendations |  |  |
| 5. | Callerton Burn : opportunities and threats from new development. Lots of SUDS proposed. Link to River Restoration habitat creation. Link to Ouseburn |  |  |
| 6. | Lower Derwent and Shibdon Meadow inc Land of Oak & Iron – link to WFD to be queried | Gateshead | Durham Wildlife Trust, Groundwork |
| 7.  | Tyne Estuary and Lower Derwent (metrogreen) and possible weir removal | Gateshead | TRT |
| 8.  | Blaydon Burn – a new waterbody under cycle 2 – data / current status is questioned by the partnership. All to send useful evidence / photos to Mary W. Burn needs investigation / feasibility / deculverting?  | TRT | Gateshead |
| 9.  | Stanley Burn (Prudhoe Hospital) – status not clear | Gateshead |  |
| 10.  | Urban streams – fish passage, obstructions, walkover / feasibility – in conjunction with water quality | TRT | Northumberland Wildlife Trust, all local authorities |
| 11.  | Haltwhistle Burn : extension of existing project. Also include Roman Wall Loughs and prevent deterioration / citizen science | TRT | NNPA, EA, Flood Partnership, NE, NCC, NWT |
| 12.  | Green Infrastructure : community partnership / outreach, fish passage, pollution prevention, non-native removal | ? | All local authorities  |
| 13.  | Education & Awareness e.g. Yellow Fish. Also Misconnections across the catchment and working with (plumbing) colleges | Northumberland Wildlife Trust | NWL, Durham Wildlife Trust, all local authorities |
| 14. | Wallsend Burn (what is the data for this waterbody?) | Northumberland Wildlife Trust | Flood Partnership |
| 15. | Newburn / Ray Burn (what is the data for this waterbody?) + minewater issues? | Northumberland Wildlife Trust | Newcastle City Council |
| 16. | Horsley Hope Burn (on the Derwent) : metals | TRT | EA |
| 17. | Flooding e.g. surface water flooding / Prudhoe Burns. Also Acomb (Red Burn) flooding / sewage | Northumberland County Council?  | Flood Partnership, NWL, TRT |
| 18. | SUDS for schools e.g. Fellgate Estate, Don catchment, and others. Also Education | Northumberland Wildlife Trust | All the local authorities, Durham Wildlife Trust, Flood Partnership |
| 19. | Industrial Estates, pollution campaign, spill kits, drain covers, SUDS | Groundwork  | All local authorities, NWL |
| 20.  | Fats, Oils and Greases (FOGs) : catering businesses, building on pilot | Groundwork  | Gateshead, Local authorities (e.g. food team in S Tyneside)  |
| 21.  | Equine project – agricultural diffuse pollution, slurry, poaching, manure – but need to know where these problems might be. E.g. Mill Dene Farm (Jarrow, on the Don), Land next to Fellgate Estate off the A194 (Monkton Burn), Newton Garths Farm (Boldon) | Groundwork | TRT, local authorities |
| 22. | Forest Streams : continuation of existing project | TRT |  |
| 23.  | Evidence & Measures – a data-driven focus on the Don and the Team, building on the lessons learnt with the Ouseburn project *(mentioned after the meeting but still included here)* | TRT | NWL, EA |

1. **Deadlines**

All ‘lead’ partners to fill in the line on the spreadsheet as best as possible. Co-ordinate with the other organisations interested in the topic.

All ‘leads’ to send their completed spreadsheet to Abi by midday, Friday 1st May. Abi will collate and circulate to all the partnership for any final comment. Then submit to Helen Davies in the EA on Tuesday 5th May.

1. **Evidence & Learning Fund**

A separate message had been circulated about this opportunity and whether there is desire for a day’s training or specific monitoring activities.

EA : to confirm if the size of the fund is for the Northumbrian Rivers Basin, and whether it is for any ‘partnership’ or for ‘catchment partnerships’

All : provide responses / ideas / interest to Abi by **Thur 30th April** for Abi to forward to Rebecca O’Connell the following day

1. **AOB**

Steve passed around a few copies of a booklet ‘Realising the Potential of New Native Woodland’