

Northumberland Local Plan  
Draft Plan for Regulation 18 Consultation

# Duty to Cooperate Statement

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Duty to Cooperate statement has been prepared to accompany the Northumberland Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation. It demonstrates how the Council has, and continues to, fully comply with the requirements of “the Duty”.
- 1.2. This statement provides an update to the March 2017 Duty to Cooperate statement (Appendix 1) which was prepared to accompany the, now withdrawn, Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy (NLPCS). The new Northumberland Local Plan rolls forward significant aspects of the evidence and joint working that was undertaken for the NLPCS and therefore the joint cross boundary strategic work recorded in the March 2017 statement is still relevant. The new Northumberland Local Plan has been influenced by previous work undertaken and agreements made between neighbouring authorities and key stakeholders.
- 1.3. The Council has sought in its Regulation 18 Local Plan to address the concerns raised in representations relating to the NLPCS, for example proposed levels of housing growth and Green Belt deletions for housing.
- 1.4. Northumberland County Council has identified the following list of cross boundary strategic matters that require cooperation with our neighbours, these include;
  - Population and Housing - Setting Future Housing Requirements
  - Economic Growth and Planning for Jobs
  - Transport and Infrastructure
  - Community Infrastructure Levy
  - Shopping, Leisure and Tourism
  - Minerals and Waste
  - Renewable Energy
  - Green Infrastructure
  - Wastewater Treatment
  - Healthcare
  - Education
  - Utilities
- 1.5. The format of this paper includes an update to the March 2017 statement on the following matters;
  - the plan position of Northumberland’s neighbouring authorities;
  - North of Tyne Devolution and Borderlands Growth;
  - concerns raised in previous representations to the NLPCS;

- a schedule, including outcomes, of duty to cooperate meetings held since production of the Regulation 18 Northumberland Local Plan began.

## 2. Local Plan position of Planning Authorities adjoining Northumberland inside the North East LEP area

- 2.1. Following the adoption of Newcastle and Gateshead's Joint Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan in March 2015 the Councils have begun work on individual allocations DPDs.
- 2.2. The draft Development and Allocations Plan (DAP) is part two of **Newcastle's** Local Plan. Consultation on the draft DAP ended in November 2017. The responses received are currently being considered and will help to inform the next stage in the preparation of the DAP.
- 2.3. The Making Spaces for Growing Places (MSGP) Local Plan Document is Part 3 of **Gateshead's** Local Plan. Consultation on MSGP ended in December 2017 and it is envisaged that the submission draft MSGP document will be consulted upon in summer 2018.
- 2.4. **North Tyneside** Council formally adopted their Local Plan on 20 July 2017. They sought the views of residents regarding the Strategic Allocations of Murton Gap and Killingworth Moor between October and November 2017, and they submitted their Draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule with Proposed Modifications to the Planning Inspectorate on 1 May 2018.
- 2.5. Consultation on the Preferred Option of the County **Durham** Plan commenced on 22 June 2018.
- 2.6. **Northumberland National Park** Authority (NNPA) are undertaking a Local Plan Review. A Policy Options Paper was consulted on in autumn/winter 2017. This followed on from a spring 2017 Issues Paper consultation which began to suggest a potential direction of travel for policy formulation.

## 3. Local Plan position of Planning Authorities adjoining Northumberland outside the North East LEP Area

- 3.1. Three Cumbrian and two Scottish planning authorities also share administrative boundaries with Northumberland.
- 3.2. **Carlisle City** Council adopted the Carlisle District Local Plan 2015-2030 on 8 November 2016. The Local Plan sets planning policies for the District against

which planning applications will be assessed. The Plan also allocates land for various uses, including housing development, across the District, setting out a strategic vision for growth over the next 15 years.

- 3.3. The **Eden District** Local Plan 2014/32 was the subject of a series of initial hearing sessions between May and September 2016 which were followed by a comprehensive consultation between March and April 2017. Further hearings covering outstanding issues were held in May 2017. The proposed Main Modifications were the subject of a subsequent further consultation in July / August 2017. A number of the representations affected the plans soundness and necessitated five further modifications which were the subject of a public consultation in December 2017 / January 2018. With the exception of the five further modifications, the Inspector confirmed the remainder of the plan was sound and could be attributed substantial weight in decision making from November 2017.
- 3.4. Following consideration of the consultation responses to the further modifications in February 2018, the Inspector was satisfied that the sum of the changes proposed would make the plan sound and concluded the hearings. Accordingly, the whole of the plan may now be attributed substantial weight in decision making as from February 2018. As of the end of May 2018 the Inspector concluded his draft report, which has now been quality assured by PINS and passed on to Eden District Council for Fact Check on 1 June 2018. This is prior to its return to the Inspector to enable him to issue his final report in due course.
- 3.5. **Cumbria County** Council is a minerals and waste planning authority. The Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan (CMWLP) was adopted by the County Council on 6 September 2017.
- 3.6. The **Scottish Borders** Local Development Plan (LDP) was adopted on 12 May 2016 and sets out policies on development and land use within the Scottish Borders. Scottish Borders are now preparing a new Local Development Plan (LDP2) which will replace the current LDP and guide future development within the Scottish Borders for the period 2021-2026.
- 3.7. The **South East Scotland Development Planning Authority** (SESplan) is a partnership of six local authorities, including the Scottish Borders and Edinburgh, which prepares a region-wide Strategic Development Plan.
- 3.8. The second Proposed Strategic Development Plan was submitted to Scottish Ministers for examination on 26 June 2017. Following an assessment of conformity with the participation statement and the appointment of a reporter, the examination formally commenced in August 2017. The reporter

considered unresolved representations received during the period of consultation on the Proposed Plan which ran from 13 October to 24 November 2016. As of 18 May 2018 the reporters have received all of the responses to the latest request for further information and do not envisage any further procedure being necessary. The report of the examination is expected by end of June 2018.

#### **4. North East Combined Authority (NECA)/ Devolution Deal**

- 4.1. Discussions regarding devolution to the North East Combined Authority (NECA), which covers the local authority areas of Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland were put on hold following a Government announcement on 8 September 2016 to withdraw the 'minded to' devolution deal.
- 4.2. The three local authorities north of the river Tyne, Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland, continued discussions with Government on a new devolution deal and agreed a 'minded to agree' devolution deal with Government on the 24 November 2017. Following a consultation process, the local authorities have worked with Government to enable the creation of a Mayoral Combined Authority and amend the boundaries of NECA.
- 4.3. The NECA Leadership Board, on the 26 April 2018, agreed in principle to Government making the requisite Order, which will allow the three authorities North of Tyne to withdraw from NECA in order to create a new mayoral Combined Authority for the North of Tyne area, and also to maintain governance arrangements for Transport across all seven local authorities.
- 4.4. The two combined authorities will continue to work together on a number of areas, including Transport and Inward Investment and all seven local authorities remain members of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership and support the delivery of Strategic Economic Plan.

#### **5. Borderlands Growth**

- 5.1. Borderlands Growth brings together the five cross-border local authorities of Northumberland County Council, Carlisle City Council, Cumbria County Council, Dumfries & Galloway Council and Scottish Borders Council to promote economic growth and competitiveness of the area that straddles the Scotland-England border.
- 5.2. The partners are working on a collective ambition to unlock the potential for sustainable and inclusive economic growth across the south of Scotland and north of England.

- 5.3. The themed topics that the Borderlands Partnership has been working on are: Energy; Digital; Transport Connections; Business; Destination Borderlands; Quality of Place; Rural Productivity; and Skills and Innovation.
- 5.4. The first Borderlands conference was held on 18 June 2018. The conference enabled stakeholders to hear about the work to date, the ambition for the Borderlands region and gave them the opportunity to provide their input through workshop sessions.

## **6. How have we cooperated? - Evidence and outcomes**

- 6.1. A schedule of Duty to Cooperate meetings and outcomes, that have helped to shape the preparation of this Plan is included at Appendix 2.

## **7. Ongoing cooperation**

- 7.1. The Duty to Cooperate requires Local Planning Authorities to constructively and actively engage with relevant bodies as part of an ongoing process.
- 7.2. The Council looks forward to continued engagement with partners to continue to manage strategic cross boundary matters and to develop effective planning policies and delivery strategies.

## **8. Appendices**

- 8.1. Appendix 1: Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy Duty to Cooperate Statement, March 2017. Accessible via [www.northumberland.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/localplan).
- 8.2. Appendix 2: Table of Duty to Cooperate meetings including outcomes that pertain to the production of the Regulation 18 Local Plan.

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<b>Meeting Title or Brief Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Purpose</b>	<b>Outcomes</b>
Heads of Planning (NELEP Area)	18/07/2018	Meeting scheduled	
Highways England - Northumberland County Council Liaison	16/07/2018	Meeting scheduled	
Northumberland Duty to Cooperate meeting	10/07/2018	Meeting scheduled with all neighbouring authorities.	
Newcastle International Airport - Masterplan briefing	05/07/2018	Meeting scheduled	
Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership Meeting	27/06/2018	General Partnership Meeting including a Local Plan update	Reg 18 Northumberland Plan drop in events publicised.
Newcastle-Gateshead Viability Breakfast Meeting	18/06/2018	To help inform the revised draft of site allocations plans in Newcastle and Gateshead (Newcastle's 'Development and Allocations Plan' (DAP) and Gateshead's 'Making Spaces for Growing Places (MSGP) that were the subject of consultation in autumn 2017.	As with NCC, CP Viability Ltd have been commissioned to undertake their assessment work, and it was evident that a similar approach is therefore being applied, thereby helping to ensure consistency wherever possible. Several of those development industry stakeholders present had also attended NCC's viability workshops on 23 May, and therefore referred to the NCC work too in seeking to ensure a consistent approach in the baseline assumptions being applied for the viability calculations.
NCC Whole Plan Viability Workshop	23/05/2018	Workshop sessions for invited key stakeholders in the development industry as well as other interest groups - including housing developers and registered providers, planning consultants, neighbouring authorities and environmental organisations	CP Viability Ltd, presented the approach and assumptions being applied in the viability calculations, together with the provisional findings of the emerging whole plan viability study, also incorporating assessment of the potential scope for and recommended charging levels for a possible Community Infrastructure Levy. Attendees, particularly developers and consultants, engaged in open questioning throughout the presentation. The feedback gained helped to refine the approach and baseline assumptions that fed into the draft whole plan viability study.

NE England Nature Partnership: 2018 2nd executive meeting	10/05/2018	This executive meeting discussed governance / transition arrangements, the Elected members' guide of 2018 of the North East England Nature Partnership. A local authority sub-group was proposed to get over a gap in communication regarding the work of the Partnership across authorities - not just on spatial planning but finance for projects etc.	Progress on matters such as the elected members' guide and the setting up of a local authority sub-group to coordinate the understanding of the Partnership's aims across authorities.
DTC Meeting with NE Local Nature Partnership	18/04/2018	The meeting allowed the LNP to explain the role and genesis of the Partnership and the related 'Capability NE' a charitable body and the 'Capability 100' Forum (bringing together NE businesses and organisations to try and reach a common approach on how the environment can benefit from joint working and initiatives). The meeting discussed some key principles which led to some adjustments to the text at the start of the Environment Chapter of the draft Local Plan - particularly to emphasise the concept of the Natural Capital.	A very useful exchange of information with a view to further cooperation. Some input from the NE-LNP into the draft Local Plan prior to its consideration by the NCC Member Working Group.
Heads of Planning (NELEP Area)	18/04/2018	Heads of planning meeting including discussions on latest position with local plans	Discussions and actions on cross boundary issues concerning progress of Local Plans (among other matters).
NE Nature Partnership and Capability North East Project	27/03/2018	To discuss the NE Nature Partnership and Capability North East Project	This meeting set targets for the NEENP and the opportunities for cross-area collaboration offered by the setting up of Capability North-East. It was clear that policies in local plans will help facilitate progress towards these targets.
Duty to Cooperate Meeting covering NELEP area	26/03/2018	To discuss region-wide planning issues	Updated matters of mutual interest between authorities in the NELEP area

Marine Planning North East: Plan Development Workshop	21/03/2018	The meeting consisted of a series of workshops to take the issues and options work in the two Marine Plans for the NE to the next stage with delegates from across the region. There was a need to ensure no conflict between the marine plan and the emerging Local Plan	Helped MMO understand land-based issues affecting their plan and for NCC to appreciate the matters of responsibility for which the MMO has to plan.
Local Nature partnership Meeting with NCC Members	14/03/2018	To allow the NE Local Nature Partnership to brief Council Members on the role of the NE-LNP.	Members made aware of the role of the NE-LNP
Transport for the North Corridor Briefing	26/02/2018	This meeting revolved around TFN's draft Strategic Transport Plan Seven strategic development corridors across the region had been identified linking important economic centres that were currently in need of improved connectivity. The briefing saw a presentation of the evidence gathered and sought feedback from stakeholders on this and the objectives and outcomes that had been agreed for each corridor.	Information about the TFN consultation and additional dissemination of information on the corridor-focused work.
Durham Employment Land Review (ELR) Workshop	22/02/2018	Durham County Council had commissioned Lichfields to produce an updated Employment Land Review (ELR) to underpin the Local Plan, informing decisions regarding future employment land allocations / deallocations. The session started with a presentation including a summary of key findings emerging from the work undertaken to date and how this might shape future prospects of County Durham in economic and commercial market terms. The session also considered the extent to which supply and demand for employment land are currently in alignment. Views	A good understanding of the methodology used in Durham to assess employment land needs and how this may related to the approach in Northumberland. Views of economic planners from around the region on the degree to which it is relevant to de-allocate, overallocate etc. were interesting to hear.

		were sought from Durham's neighbouring authorities including Northumberland.	
NE England Nature Partnership: 1st executive group meeting 2018	20/02/2018	Standard partnership meeting in which, as well as governance matters, the discussions included the Natural Capital Investment Plan, joint procurement arrangements to deliver natural environment improvements efficiently, and a MOU between the LNP and Natural England.	Progress on a number of matters that should benefit the environment and should influence policy making and practical measures across local authorities.
Meeting with Newcastle International Airport	15/02/2018	Meeting to discuss Airport Master Plan and Local Plan progress and matters of mutual interest. Discussions included the emerging results of the Growth Options Study being undertaken by PBA consultants. In particular, the issue of jobs generated close to / relating to the Airport were discussed in relation to sites coming forward for the accommodation of offices and other airport related activities outwith the County. It was queried whether the likely allocation of Prestwick Pit in the Northumberland Local Plan was appropriate in this context. The other issues discussed were possible safeguarding issues associated with the masterplan proposal for a runway extension and other changes in noise standards. It was agreed that implications for the Northumberland policies map would need to be considered carefully.	The meeting resulted in a better understanding of issues arising from the master plan draft and what the implications may be for the Local Plan. By the same token, the airport planner was made aware of proposals likely to be included in the Local Plan that could affect the airport. It was agreed to seek to resolve outstanding issues as early as possible in the two processes.

Meeting with LLFA regarding Local Plan and Coastal Change	08/02/2018	A meeting with a rep. from the NCC Lead Local Flood Authority to discuss how the Local Plan policy on Coastal Change may need to be added to, particularly in terms of defining Coastal Change Management Areas on the future Policies Map and the addition of criteria to the existing policy.	An initial understanding of how the evidence and policy will need to be taken forward in the Local Plan policy, with the LLFA rep. to provide background on, and shape files of CCMA's etc.
Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership Meeting	07/02/2018	General Partnership Meeting including a Local Plan update	Partnership kept up to date with planning issues.
Meeting with Port of Blyth and ARCH to Discuss new Local Plan	01/02/2018	The meeting was intended as an exploratory one to consider how best to reflect the future needs and requirements of the Port and port-related industries in the new Local Plan. The discussion included the latest upgrades to the port, the wider Blyth Estuary (e.g. energy related industries) and the land requirements of both. It also touched on wider multipliers and more generally on the networks of sites and related businesses across SE Northumberland.	A very useful exchange of information which will help the Council in allocating land for employment purposes around Blyth Estuary and more widely and in wider economic policy making.
Meeting with EA and NWL to discuss Water Environment Issues and Local Plan	31/01/2018	A meeting with EA and NWL to discuss Water Environment Evidence, Issues and Local Plan Chapter drafting. Included NCC Local Plan Update, Strategy and Programme, a discussion on the relevance of the water evidence base from the withdrawn Core Strategy, a discussion on where policies could need strengthening; and agreement on any work required.	A good exchange of information and knowledge, including how the evidence base position has changed, what updates if any are required, an understanding as to how and where policies may need strengthening and some actions re provision of info. etc.

Workshop on Local Plan Economic Growth Options	17/01/2018	This Workshop was chaired by consultants Peter Brett Associates (PBA) and hosted by NCC. The purpose was to gather a group of people who are key to economic development in the County of Northumberland and the wider sub-region, with a view to informing PBA's work - particularly looking at which sectors of industry are the most likely to see growth in Northumberland in the next 20 years.	The event explored growth options for the future and informed the work of PBA in developing these options, as well as providing useful information, contacts etc. for NCC officers preparing the Plan.
North of Tyne Duty to Cooperate Meeting	20/12/2017	To discuss matters of mutual interest between the authorities making up the North of Tyne area, including latest position with the emerging NCC Local Plan.	Updated understanding of emerging plans including the future LDS for Northumberland and the detailed Newcastle DM policies document.
North Pennines AONB Partnership - Full Partnership Meeting	13/12/2017	Full Partnership Meeting, including update on Northumberland Planning	Feedback on new Local Plan and AONB issues
NE England Nature Partnership 4th executive group meeting 2017	07/12/2017	The meeting included Governance arrangements. Also discussion on NWL's concerns that the potential for SuDS schemes to contribute to biodiversity was not being realised in numerous schemes across the area. It as proposed to have a threeway engagement between NEENP, NWLs and local authorities on this. There was also discussion on the forthcoming Elected Members' Guide. The Biodiversity Strategy was discussed. This would take on board, as its evidence base, the existing Durham and Northumberland Biodiversity Action Plans.	Progress in establishing the governance of the NEENP and coordinating tackling biodiversity issues across the partnership area

Workshop re Minewater and Development on the Durham and Northumberland Coalfield	07/12/2017	The Coal Authority (CA) and the Environment Agency (EA) are working together to develop a management tool, in the form of a GIS based risk map, to help protect and manage the groundwater resource, reduce pollution risk and empower the competent planning and flood risk authorities. The workshop would raise awareness and understanding of this and how it may affect what planning policies may be necessary (SuDS, minewater etc.)	Better understanding of how minewater issues may need to be tackled through amended policy approaches, including on SuDS.
North Pennines AONB Partnership Exec Group Meeting	06/12/2017	Regular meeting of North Pennines AONB Partnership Exec Group, with exchange of info., including about latest Local Plan position.	Awareness raising and exchange of views.
Duty to Cooperate Meeting with Durham County Council	30/11/2017	To exchange views and information regarding the two emerging Local Plans, including the interim position following the withdrawal of the NCC Core Strategy.	Better understanding of latest positions of respective authorities in moving towards relaunched local plans. Shared views and potential policy approaches on high level strategic issues.
Gateshead Local Plan Making Spaces for Growing Places DTC meeting	27/11/2017	MSGP overview and discussion on cross boundary issues	Discussion of cross boundary issues, key issues MSGP.
Northumberland Strategic Flood Risk management Plan (SFRMP)	20/11/2017	Discussion on the Northumberland SFRMP	Understanding: Update on SFRMP and relationship with emerging Local Plan.
North East Local Nature Partnership Natural Environment Group Meeting	16/11/2017	The meeting dealt with ensuring NEENP are effective champions for biodiversity issues.	Some principles were established for NEENP engagement in the Local Plan process.
MSGP Consultation Developer Breakfast Meeting	08/11/2017	The consultation is the latest phase of the Gateshead Local Plan.	Briefing on Gateshead's allocations document.
Housing Round table (Northern Consortium)	30/10/2017	A round table discussion regarding the DCLG Paper 'Planning for the right homes in the right places' and the proposed new housing methodology	Informed the consortium's response, and the Council's response to the consultation document.

North of Tyne Catch-up Meeting	27/10/2017	A 'catch-up' meeting with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA	Discussion with the North of Tyne authorities and the HCA to identify a housing baseline, and confirm housing delivery forecasts. Informed the draft North of Tyne Housing Paper
Meeting on the Housing Infrastructure Fund with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA	25/10/2017	A sub-regional meeting with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.
Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership Meeting	18/10/2017	General Partnership Meeting including a Local Plan update	Reported that a new Local Development Scheme being produced, setting out the process and timescale for development of the new Local Plan.
Heads of Planning	18/10/2017	An update on and exchange of views on planning matters of mutual interest	An update on and exchange of views on planning matters of mutual interest
North of Tyne Housing Deal meeting	16/10/2017	TBC	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.
North of Tyne DTC meeting	11/10/2017	To update specifically on Newcastle's Draft Allocations Plan 1st stage and Plan progress in general at NtC and NCC	An update and exchange of respective plan progress - Newcastle's allocations document 1st draft, North Tyneside CIL and Northumberland new Local Plan. Newcastle welcomed input on their IDP re: cross boundary infrastructure
Meeting with Newcastle International Airport	05/10/2017	A 'catch-up' with the planner from Newcastle Airport, with information exchanged on respective positions with plans.	A useful information exchange on respective positions with plans.
North of Tyne HiF Bid Progress Meeting	19/09/2017	A sub-regional meeting with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.
DTC meeting with NNPA on Local Plan issues	12/09/2017	To update on respective Local Plan progress and discuss possible opportunities for joint evidence base working	Discussed potential opportunities for collaboration on joint evidence base studies
Meeting on the Housing Infrastructure Fund with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA	07/09/2017	A sub-regional meeting with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.

NE England Nature Partnership Extra executive group meeting 2017	06/09/2017	The meeting dealt with procedural matters including financial and governance arrangements for the new Capability North East company. There were updates from Natural England, including on the Northumbria Plan - areas for focus etc. Prof. Alister Scott talked about how ecological and spatial planning connect to environmental and social justice and the idea of the Bioeconomy. (NB a Council Planning Officer attended a seminar on the Bioeconomy subsequently held by Prof Scott).	The Nature Partnership and its associated limited company should reap considerable gains for the area in terms of progress on Nature Conservation. The Bioeconomy issue is informing the content of the emerging Local Plan.
Meeting on the Housing Infrastructure Fund with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA	05/09/2017	A sub-regional meeting with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.
Meeting on the Housing Infrastructure Fund with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA	29/08/2017	A sub-regional meeting with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.
Meeting on the Housing Infrastructure Fund with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA	22/08/2017	A sub-regional meeting with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.
Northumberland Strategic Flood Risk management Plan (SFRMP)	21/08/2017	Discussion on the Northumberland SFRMP	Understanding: Update on SFRMP and relationship with emerging Local Plan.
Meeting on the Housing Infrastructure Fund with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA	16/08/2017	A sub-regional meeting with the N of Tyne authorities and HCA regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.
Marine Plan Summer Engagement Workshop	10/08/2017	An update and discussion on the progress with the Marine Plans for the NE	Useful feedback and discussion on issues raised during the issues stage of the Marine Plans that would be of particular interest to the parties present.
Meeting on the Housing Infrastructure Fund with the HCA	08/08/2017	A sub-regional meeting with the HCA regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund	This was a series of meetings that led to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing

			deal.
DTC with Newcastle City Council - Housing (HIF)	07/08/2017	Update on cross boundary housing strategy issues of common interest and meeting to discuss the Housing Infrastructure Fund	This led to the to bids being put forward by a number of local authorities for HIF funding in respect of the North of Tyne Housing deal.
DTC with Newcastle City Council - Highway and Transport	25/07/2017	Update on cross boundary transport issues of common interest	Discussed progress on cross border transport corridor study.
DTC meeting with Gateshead on Transport issues	14/07/2017	Discussion on cross boundary transport issues	Discussed potential opportunities for collaboration on cross border transport corridor study.
NE Nature Partnership 3rd executive group meeting	13/07/2017	Executive group of Nature Partnership	Progress in establishing the governance of the NEENP and coordinating tackling biodiversity issues across the partnership area



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