



River Severn Partnership

Minutes and Actions

30th July 2020

Attendees:	
<p>Environment Agency Mike Grimes- Area Director West Midlands (joint chair) Hayley Deighton (Programme Manager) Dave Throup- Place Manager Worcestershire Dave Preston- Water Transfer Manager</p> <p>Worcestershire County Council Emily Barker- Planning Services Manager Danielle Degville- Flood Risk and Highway Drainage Officer</p> <p>Wychavon and Malvern Hills District Councils Holly Jones- Director of Planning and Infrastructure</p> <p>Telford and Wrekin Council Dean Sargeant- Director Neighborhoods and Enforcement Services Gareth Pegg- Group Manager Engineering and Delivery Lucinda Lycett- Flood Risk Manager</p> <p>Water Resources West Richard Blackwell</p> <p>Natural Resources Wales Martin Cox Keith Ivens Helen Tidridge</p> <p>Wildlife Trust rep Colin Preston Roger Mortlock</p> <p>LNP Rep Matt Whitney</p>	<p>Shropshire Council Mark Barrow: Exec Director of Place (joint chair) John Bellis- Flood Risk Manager</p> <p>Herefordshire Council Roger Allonby- Head of Economic Development</p> <p>Wyre Forest District Council Mike Parker- Director of Planning and Regulatory Services</p> <p>Worcester City Council Philippa Smith- Deputy Director Economic Development and Planning</p> <p>Tewksbury Borough Council Robert Weaver- Deputy Chief Executive</p> <p>North Worcestershire Water Management Richard Osborne</p> <p>Severn Trent Water Tim Smith</p> <p>Severn Rivers Trust Mike Morris</p> <p>Natural England Emma Johnson</p> <p>GFirst LEP Dev Chakraborty</p> <p>Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP Christian Sayer</p>
Guests:	
Rhys McCarthy- West Midlands Flood Risk Programme Manager, Environment Agency Carl Cording- West Midlands Flood Risk Programme Advisor, Environment Agency Matthew Lawrence- West Midlands Environment Programme Manager, Environment Agency Alan Jones- Environment Agency Carbon Project Manager	
Apologies: Nigel Hudson (Worcestershire County Council) Roy Stokes (EA), Gill Hamer (Marches LEP), James Blockley (Gloucestershire County)	

1. Welcome

Remote Teams meeting opened by Joint Chairs and attendees welcomed.

2. Funding Announcement

First Partnership meeting since the Government funding announcement. To provide clarity for all parties, the funding secured by the Partnership's work is as follows:

Support for accelerated capital infrastructure delivery to be used between Dec2021-2027

- £30 million for integrated scheme north of Shrewsbury (September Cabinet Paper being prepared by Shropshire Council)
- £4.98 million- Tenbury Wells Flood Alleviation
- £5.4 million- carbon offsetting programme

Innovation Fund to develop an Adaptive Pathway Plan

- £1.5 million available from April 2021

In addition, Ministers and EA National Directors have advised the Partnership that there is an expectation the Partnership will be submitting an EOI into the Innovation Resilience Programme in September. This is LLFA led rather than EA but there is an expectation for partnership working with the EA and consortium submissions are being encouraged hence the request to the Partnership.

It was agreed that the Partnership EOI would be the right approach to bring together collective thinking across the LLFAs in the Partnership area. It was agreed to extend the existing contract with Jacobs to work alongside the LLFAs and pull together programme ready for the EOI in September.

ACTION

Hayley to share Jacobs scope with the Partnership.

LLFAs to come together as a collective to decide on priorities for the EOI and to work with Jacobs to pull together into a programme.

Whilst the accelerated scheme and Innovation Resilience Programme is capital monies for delivering practical outputs there is an acknowledged need for monies to deliver the integrated strategy. This is the role of the Adaptive Pathway Plan. Whilst the monies are not available until April there is an appetite to maintain momentum and commence delivery sooner. The Environment Agency has secured some monies as a bridging loan to cover some of the needs and partner commitments for funding can also be drawn together to help move the programme forward.

ACTION

All to consider how we use the £1.5mill allocation as leverage to achieve the larger £10mill ask for a complete masterplan

Hayley to share a business case and programme with the Partnership to demonstrate deliverables from partner investments and to assist in drawing down funds.

Eden International

Update on meeting with Eden International who are keen to join the Partnership and support our work. Their focus is around joining people to natural processes. Eden International is currently developing a response for the Partnership in terms of how they can support us. Next meeting with Eden is planned for 19th August

ACTION

All to let Hayley know thoughts on discussion points with Eden prior to 19th. Hayley to feed back to the Partnership thoughts from Eden and next meeting outcomes

Investment Plan

Cabinet Office feedback has been received and minor updates being made to the Investment Plan to finalise.

ACTION

Hayley to circulate final copy shortly.

Governance

The circulated governance structure was agreed and will be established with a view to amending as needed over time.

ACTION

Hayley to include a people and wellbeing thematic working group

Hayley to work with the Chairs to send out invitations and set up meetings for the various groups

All to consider representation on the carbon offsetting working group to assist with delivery and to maximize the benefits that can be achieved from the existing funding allocation.

Hayley and Chairs to agree chair for carbon offsetting group working group.

Hayley to update MOU to ToR (draft MOU) to cover legal implications and funding needs

Hayley to consider sharepoint facility for the Partnership

PMO

Discussed and agreed circulated draft PMO structure.

ACTION

All to consider resources and skills within individual organisations to support the PMO. Potential for secondment roles.

Rob Weaver to develop a similar diagram to cover the local leadership and circulate for other geographies to input.

Flood Risk Pipeline

Presentation on flood risk programme and development of next 6 year pipeline.

ACTION

Hayley to ensure links to RFCC in the governance structure

Hayley to circulate slides to Partnership

Partner updates and AOB

Partners asked for any updates to share. None given at this time.

ACTION

Hayley to set next meeting for September

Actions Noted

Action	Owner	Due Date
Share Jacobs scope for Innovation Resilience EOI	Hayley Deighton	July 2020
LLFA feedback on scope and Jacobs commission	LLFAs/Hayley Deighton	July/early Aug 2020
LLFAs to work on EOI with Jacobs	LLFAs/Hayley/Jacobs	August/early Sept 2020
Using £1.5million Adaptive Pathways monies as leverage to gain more investment in strategy/masterplan development	ALL	August- Jan 2021
Develop business case and programme to draw down partner investment	Hayley	Sept 2020
Eden International joint working opportunities	ALL	Prior to 19 th August
Circulate final Investment Plan	Hayley	August 2020

Update governance group with people theme	Hayley	August 2020
Set up governance groups and set meetings	Hayley	Sept 2020
Set up carbon offsetting working group	Hayley	August 2020
Set up Partnership Sharepoint	Hayley	Sept 2020
Identify PMO resources and skills	ALL	Sept 2020
Set out local leadership overview	Rob Weaver	Sept 2020
Circulate slides on flood risk management programme	Hayley	July 2020
Set date next meeting for Sept	Hayley	Aug 2020
OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM MAY MEETING		
Local Authority partners to raise River Severn Partnership with their local Homes England leads.	Mark Barrow and Mike Parker	July 2020
Gloucestershire leads to work with Hayley on setting programme of workshop sessions	James Blockley and Rob Weaver	June 2020
Identify Warwickshire partner representative	Mark Barrow	June 2020