
East Devon NL Partnership

Minutes

Date: 14th May 2025
Time: 2-4pm
Location: Escot House,

Chair: Richard Jefferies
Vice Chair: Marianne Rixson
Minutes: Daniel Wynn



East Devon
National
Landscape

**East Devon NL
Partnership Group
14 May 25
In-person meeting**

Present	Cllr Richard Jefferies – Chair – RJ - East Devon District Council Cllr Marianne Rixson – Vice-Chair – MR - East Devon District Council Kim Strawbridge – KS – Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust Jon-Starling Cross – JS – Natural England Mel Croll – MC – Devon County Council James Robertson – JR – Forestry Commission Alex Swan – AS – Environment Agency Nigel Hyman – NH – Sid Vale Association Sally King – SK – Jurassic Coast Trust Stephanie Aburrow – SA – East Devon National Landscape Daniel Wynn – DW – East Devon National Landscape
Apologies	Lesley Clarke – LC – Axe Vale & District Conservation Society Haylor Lass – HL – Otter Vale Association Ian Todd – IT – NFU Cllr Ian Chubb – IC – Devon County Council Cllr Christine Channon – CC – Devon County Council Penny Mills – PM – CPRE Greg Page Turner – GP – Federation of Small Businesses Doug Rudge – DR – Axe Vale & District Conservation Society Ruth Angell – RA – Donkey Sanctuary Charlie Plowden – CP – East Devon District Council Clare James – CJ – Clinton Devon Estates Peter Burgess – PB – Devon Wildlife Trust
	Actions/recommendations
1. Notes of previous meeting	Minutes from last meeting approved as a true record.
2. Matters arising	No matters arising that would not be covered in the agenda items.
3. EDNL 2025 Operations & Budgets	DW updated the Partnership on the budget forecast for FY25.26, noting the new capital funds focussed principally on nature recovery and habitat creation. DW gave an overview of the predicted work programme for the year and introduced the new staff member Jack Hirst – who is EDNLs new Farming in Protected Landscape Programme Officer overseeing delivery of the programme. SA gave an overview of the Access for All, EDNL Fund and art work programmes, including a partnership project with BHNL, Thelma Hubert Gallery and Four of Swords to deliver a summer arts programme. Report noted and approved by all.
5. Farming in Protected Landscapes	DW/JH gave an overview of the 2025-2026 FiPL Programme budget and plans for delivery. Report noted and approved by all.

8. EDNL Management Plan 2025-2030 review	<u>2024</u> - January – September: Scoping, review, evidence, identify issues, stakeholder consultation - September: Stakeholder Workshop, Wednesday 25th September, venue Escot - October – November: EDNL prepare Management Plan draft V1 <u>2025</u> - December – January: EDDC & DCC democratic process to secure cabinet approval to take plan out to public consultation - February – March: 8-week Public Consultation - April: EDNL team prepare Management Plan final edition - May – Submit EIA & HRA for 5-week consultation - June – Seek Natural England formal approval for the Management Plan - June/July: EDDC & DCC democratic process to secure cabinet approval of new plan - July: Formal adoption DW Updated the Partnership on the timeline (green indicates action completed). DW updated on the recent submission of the supporting EIA and HRA for public consultation – noting that NE approved the results of the EIA & HRA based on the current wording and would await final changes after post-consultation for final regulatory sign-off. DW gave a summary of the response from the public consultation stage of the EDNL Management Plan process, noting that overall, there was public support for all 4 strategic themes and the objectives contained within. It was noted that the Management Plan was getting negative comments around planning and development – this is due to the timing of the Plan with the consultation on the draft Local Plan. EDNL has been reassuring the public that the NL team is not responsible for site allocation, development or writing the draft Local Plan. Only real negative comments received were based around specific development proposals, over which the NL has no control so those comments were fed back to the relevant service area within EDDC. Partnership noted and approved all aspects of the report.
9. Partnership Review	DW will review existing structures during 2024 as part of this Management Plan process, with a view to bringing any suggested amendments forward in 2025 upon adoption of the Management Plan.
11. Partner Updates	- EA - Report noted. - Natural England – Continued budget pressure. Report noted. - Forestry Commission – continued budget pressure. Report noted. - CDE – Report noted. - DCC – Report noted. - SVA – Report noted. - SK – Report noted
12. AOB	All AOBs noted and addressed
13. Next Partnership meetings	Wednesday 29th October 2025, 2-4pm, Location TBC