

Tuesday 20-05-2025 14:15 - 16:15

[Suite 205 Queen's House, Queen's Street, Barnstaple \(NDVS\)](#)

### Attendance

Marie Gould, North Devon Voluntary Service (Chair)

Andrea Beacham, One Northern Devon

James Lander, One Northern Devon

Jess Foy Barnstaple Town Council

Tom Mack, Active Devon

Becky Sharples, TTVS

Susanna Hill, Live Well in Braunton

Bev Triggs, North Devon Council

Adrian Avery, Torrridge District Council

Donna Sibley North Devon & Torrridge District Councils (Secretariat)

**Apologies:** Cllr Shapland Braunton Parish Council

Cllr Craigie Bideford Town Council

### 1.1 Minutes of the previous Meeting held ([link](#))

Agreed.

### 1.2 Matters Arising

On agenda.

### 1.3 Actions, risks and issues log ([link](#))

Reviewed and updated.

### 2.1 Update on OND/NDF Structure - One Programme Two Personalities

MG reminded the group of the reasons for forming One Northern Devon (health focus) and Northern Devon Futures (strategic partnership for the area) and described how as groups have been in existence recognition of duplication of effort, cross-working etc has developed.

New focus on 'one programme, two personalities' ([link to two structure documents](#)).

### 2.2 Impact on this Strategic Steering Group

2.2.1 Chair Marie Gould and Secretariat Donna Sibley (temporary placement until autumn 2025)

## 2.2.2 Governance Overview – both strategic partnerships

Query how Northern Devon Futures engage with Town and Parish Councils? Community Development & Learning group enables Town and Parish Councils to engage with Northern Devon Futures, and vice versa.

## 2.2.3 Members

List of invited members:

Adrian Avery	Torrige District Council
Andrea Beacham	One Northern Devon
Andrew Coates	South Molton Town Council
Beki Sharple	TTVS
Bev Triggs	North Devon Council
Cate Blatherwick	Learn Devon
Cllr James Craigie	Torrige District Council
James Lander	One Northern Devon
Kenneth Hind	Bideford Town Council
Marie Gould	NDVS
Megan Sanders	Barnstaple Town Council
Dr Susanne Hill	Live Well in Braunton
Rob Ward	Barnstaple Town Council
Terry Elliott	Ilfracombe Town Council
Tom Mack	Active Devon
Town Clerk	Bideford Town Council

Group to review membership and send suggestions to Marie.

## 2.2.4 Proposed format of future meetings

Meet every 6 weeks, alternate 1 hour online meeting with 2 hour in-person meeting at a venue in North Devon or Torrige.

## 2.3 Current KPI's, Aims and Objectives

Marie explained her paper (link) looking at how the Joint Forward Plan and Lottery Aims can be used to set priorities for this group to deliver against with OND and NDF over the next 12 months. NDF Strategy day taking place 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Andrea will be attending.

Discussion:

- Loneliness and isolation are different, and different in local communities
- #DoWith not 'do to'

- Marrying KPIs/data with community voice telling people what's needed from a grassroots point of view
- If we disappeared, would people i) know ii) care iii) notice a difference
- Need to identify what's important in communities, and describe that

Agreed:

- Using reflective practice to learn what best practice looks like for enabling and mobilising strong, thriving, healthy, self-reliant solution focused resourceful communities, subsequently feeding into a sustainable legacy enabled through this funding, and a proposed alliance framework;
- Understanding effective ways of working to engage with, and then support, local communities, in particular disadvantaged groups so they feel heard, their challenges understood, solutions found, and their needs met;
- Improved Partnership working including how to collaborate and support and reduced silo working and waste and feed into system change supporting placed based partnerships;
- Reduce loneliness

### **2.3.6 Subsequent updating of ToR**

To be reviewed at next meeting.

### **2.4 NDVS/TTVS/OND Lottery update**

Confirmed NDVS can support community developers funded by Lottery project and those not (eg Biosphere Community Animators)

Bideford Hospital Levelling Up funding will focus on expanding existing services within the hospital.

### **2.5 Place and Impact Reporting**

JL will align his place report under strategic headings; group to review at next meeting.

### **2.6 Focus for next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June (online)**

Feedback from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> workshop; James's mapping (workshop to follow)