

# Tees Valley Nature Partnership: Corporate Responsibility Statement

## 1. Introduction & Strategic Commitment

As the designated Local Nature Partnership (LNP) for the Tees Valley, environmental stewardship is the fundamental principle guiding our organisational strategy and decision-making. We acknowledge the profound connection between the climate crisis and the damage being caused to our natural ecosystems, biodiversity, and resources.

The TVNP is currently undergoing a strategic restructuring to ensure we are best placed to meet these challenges. During this transition, we formally commit ourselves to being an environmentally responsible organisation, adopting sustainable development - meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own - as our guiding principle.

## 2. Environmental Leadership & Operational Strategy

We aim to minimise the impact of our operations on the environment, balancing this with financial affordability and the requirements of our mandate. Our strategy to achieve this includes:

**Resource Management:** We will minimise the consumption and wastage of natural resources as far as is reasonably and economically practicable, both in our central operations and through our hybrid working models.

**Sustainable Travel:** We commit to minimising vehicle emissions by prioritising public transport or car-sharing for partnership business wherever feasible and time-efficient.

**Waste & Recycling:** We will actively promote recycling and waste reduction both internally and amongst our 40+ members, suppliers, and wider network.

**Responsible Procurement:** We will source products to minimise the environmental impact of both production and distribution. We consider environmental sustainability when purchasing services and prioritise suppliers with environmental standards compatible with our own.

**Legislative Compliance:** We will monitor and comply with all UK and International legislation, regulations, and codes of practice relevant to the TVNP's operations, striving to meet or exceed any set requirements.

## 3. Nature Recovery & Regional Impact

Our primary corporate responsibility is delivered through our strategic leadership in the region. We commit to:

**Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS):** Working with our partners to identify and prioritise opportunities for habitat restoration across Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland, and Stockton-on-Tees.

**Protecting Natural Assets:** Ensuring that the unique biodiversity of the Tees Valley - from the industrial heritage of the Tees Estuary to our vital urban green spaces - is protected and enhanced.

**Evidence-Based Action:** Rooting our decisions in sound science to ensure the most effective environmental outcomes for the region's nature, people, and economy.

## 4. Social Responsibility & Transparency

The TVNP believes that a healthy natural environment is essential for the wellbeing of all. During our restructuring, we remain committed to:

**Inclusivity:** Championing "More Nature for More People" and working to ensure all communities can access high-quality natural spaces.

**Collaborative Influence:** Maintaining an open and honest dialogue with our diverse network of partners to provide a unified, professional voice for nature.

**Continuous Improvement:** Regularly reviewing our practices to align with evolving environmental standards and stakeholder expectations as our new structure takes shape.

If you have any questions about our Corporate Responsibility framework, please get in touch with Tees Valley Nature Partnership at: **infoTVNP@teesvalleynaturepartnership.org.uk**