

**River Severn Partnership Programme Board**  
**15 December 2020**  
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**ATTENDEES**

Joint Chairs

Mark Barrow (Mark B)	Shropshire Council (Exec Director of Place)
Clare Dinnis (CD)	Environment Agency (Area Director, West Mids)

Attendees

**Environment Agency**

Catherine Fileman Wright	(CFW)
Hayley Deighton	(HD)
Roy Stokes	(RS)
Adam Lines	(AdamL)
David Hudson	(DH)
David Edwards	(DE)
Natasha Cuffley	(NC)
Shell Dutson	(SD)
Carlos Garcia Cuesta	(CGC)
Amy Leathard	(AL)

**Worcestershire County Council**

Penny Unwin	(PU)
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**Telford and Wrekin Council**

Lucinda Lycett	(LL)
Cristiano Fortuna	(CF)
Gavin Ashford	(GA)

**Wildlife Trust rep**

Roger Mortlock	(RM)
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**LNP Rep**

Matt Whitney	(MW)
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**Homes England**

Paul Gascoine	(PG)
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**Birmingham City University**

Umar Daraz	(UD)
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**Shropshire Council**

John Bellis	(JB)
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**Herefordshire Council**

Mairead Lane	(ML)
Steve Hodges	(SH)

**Wyre Forest District Council**

Mike Parker	(MP)
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**Gloucester City Council**

Meyrick Brentnall	(MB)
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**Severn Trent Water**

Tim Smith	(TS)
Marcus O'Kane	(MO'K)

**Severn Rivers Trust**

Mike Morris	(MM)
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**Natural England**

Emma Johnson	(EJ)
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**Marches LEP**

Gill Hamer	(GH)
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**Worcestershire LEP**

Luke Willetts	(LW)
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**Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP**

Christian Sayer	(CS)
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**NFU**

Robert Newbery	(RN)
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**National Trust**

Andy Beer	(AB)
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## Guests

### **Jacobs**

Alex Lane (AlexL)  
Neil Blazey (NB)

### **MACE**

Richard Dinsdale (RD)  
Hayley Bowker (HB)  
Mark Holmes (MH)  
Jo Ellis (JE)

### **ARUP**

Ann Bicknell (AB)

## **Apologies for Absence**

James Blockley (Gloucestershire County Council)  
Andrew Round (Worcester City Council)  
Philippa Smith (Worcester City Council)  
Emily Barker (Worcestershire County Council)

## MINUTES

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Remote MSTeams meeting opened by Joint Chairs who welcomed all members.

### **2. Partnership Update**

Mark B provided an update on work that has commenced to develop a Partnership website in order to provide a consistent and up-to-date mechanism for sharing the Partnership's work.

A draft of a collaboration agreement around data sharing/GDPR needs to be drawn up for the RSP detailing the governance around sharing data.

HD stated there is a lot to do and understand around Adaptive Pathways and what this means for the Partnership and our agreed measures of success. These agreed measures of success are key to moving the Partnership forward.

### **3. Partnership Milestone**

HD introduced the Innovation Resilience Programme and work underway across all Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFA's) to pull together a combined Expression of Interest (EOI) under the Partnership umbrella. The EOI is to be submitted by 15 Jan 2021. *Deadline since extended to end January 2021.*

### **4. Work Programme**

Alex L gave a brief update on the existing Jacobs Mace Commission. And how this is being brought together in Demonstrator Programmes.

A discussion was had around the groupings within the Demonstrator Programmes, and the enabling work streams to support this.

## **5. Governance and Working Groups**

HD discussed the need to agree the next steps and delivery mechanisms.

CD stated as well as knowing the right grouping there is a need to work out how to collaborate and engage with other partners and communities, setting out the map of what is next.

All agreed to set up the Executive Steering Board, to meet quarterly from 2021.  
HD requested Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) support to identify private sector representation.

LW & GH confirmed they will pass on contact information they have to Hayley, and Rob Newbury will have contacts for Food & Drink industry.

AL confirmed there will be a joint meeting in January 2021 around developing a single approach to National Capital Management (NCM).

## **6. Next Steps and Forward Look**

All to feedback on Demonstrator Programmes and enabling work streams.

All to use the RSP website for communications and engagement on the partnership.

<http://www.riversevernpartnership.org.uk>

## **7. AOB/Closing remarks**

There was no other business recorded but people were directed to capture any conversations that were had on line with MS Teams chat.

**Next Meeting:** 23 February 2021 at 15:00hrs