

## Consultancy brief July 2021

### Summary

Partnership/ development scoping exercise on behalf of North East England Climate Coalition (NEECCo), North East England Nature Partnership (NEENP) and the Environment Agency (EA)

### Brief

The three partners outlined above are seeking short-term consultancy support to help them explore the potential for greater partnership, joined up working and resource sharing between NEECCo, NEENP and EA. The three organisations all share similar aims within the context of the North East region:

- 1) Working together and with a wide range of partners and stakeholders to address the climate emergency, ecological collapse and the need for a just transition
- 2) Wanting to engage more broadly with people and communities in the region to enable them to shape and take an active role in solutions to these challenges
- 3) An appetite to join together to seek funding collectively to make best use of available resources, to avoid duplication of effort and to help tie strands of work from the three partners together.

The elements we would wish the consultant to cover over a maximum 10 week period include:

- Organisational development options for the North East England Nature Partnership, including working more closely with NEECCo and Environment Agency under a shared staffing model.
- Funding models from other Nature Partnerships across England – what can we learn/ replicate in the North East?
- Funding options – identify potential sources of funding.
- Secure agreement with NEECCo, NEENP and EA for way forward
- Draft a joint prospectus for support for the joint resources required that the partners can use to seek funding.

Activities to deliver this brief might include:

1. Interviews with the three key partners and their existing teams/ management boards to discuss their current challenges and requirements
2. Desk based/ telephone research with other Nature Partnerships on their funding/ income models
3. Local/ national funding research to identify up to 10 key funder targets
4. Outline options appraisal to discuss further/ seek agreement from 3 partners on best approach to move forward
5. Draft the prospectus for partners to use to seek funding.

### **Tender responses**

Please respond to this tender opportunity on no more than 4 sides of A4 (including appendices) and cover the following:

- 1) Your relevant experience/ knowledge/ expertise to fulfil the brief
- 2) Your indicative number of days to complete the work and your day rate
- 3) Likely timescales for completing the work

Fees should be quoted inclusive of VAT, if applicable.

### **Submitting your response**

Please submit your application to Carol Botten at NEECCo by 17:00 on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Please email it to [carol.botten@neecco.org.uk](mailto:carol.botten@neecco.org.uk)

A panel will review tenders on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August and you will be advised of the outcome soon after. At this point you may be invited to interview before a final decision is made by the panel.

If you would like to have an informal conversation about this tender opportunity, please contact Mike Pratt CEO Northumberland Wildlife Trust and North East England Nature Partnership board member by email [mike.pratt@northwt.org.uk](mailto:mike.pratt@northwt.org.uk) or by telephone 0191 284 6884.