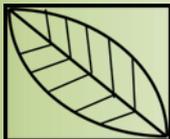


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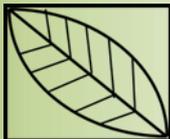
June 2015 - Minister for the Environment and Rural Affairs in Defra, Rory Stewart MP held a roundtable discussion to explore his concept for a Border Uplands Demonstrator project

His Vision was for a national demonstrator of :

- Good practice in upland cultural landscape management and rural development
- what joined up delivery looks like and what can be achieved in working in this way
- A shared vision for a distinctive area (20 years vision) with a five year action programme to deliver measurable progress
- To develop the role of people and place with an environment based economy
- To build on existing identified infrastructure and approaches

2016 – BREXIT vote & political scene changed

Partners want to carry on with the momentum that has been developed and explore what we can develop



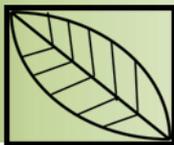
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What is it?

- Not a funding programme
- A collaborative initiative to develop a programme of new innovative approaches and pilot demonstrator projects
- Build knowledge and find ways to achieve a more sustainable and resilient future for the remote upland communities of the cross border area of Northern England and Southern Scotland
- Uncovering innovative and joined up approaches to tackling the long term issues faced by upland communities, local economies and the environment

Timeframe

- Initially one year (2017) to scope and develop approaches and pilots
- Ongoing programme of testing innovation
- Several years of implementing and demonstrating pilots

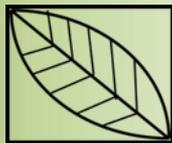


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What are we aiming to achieve?

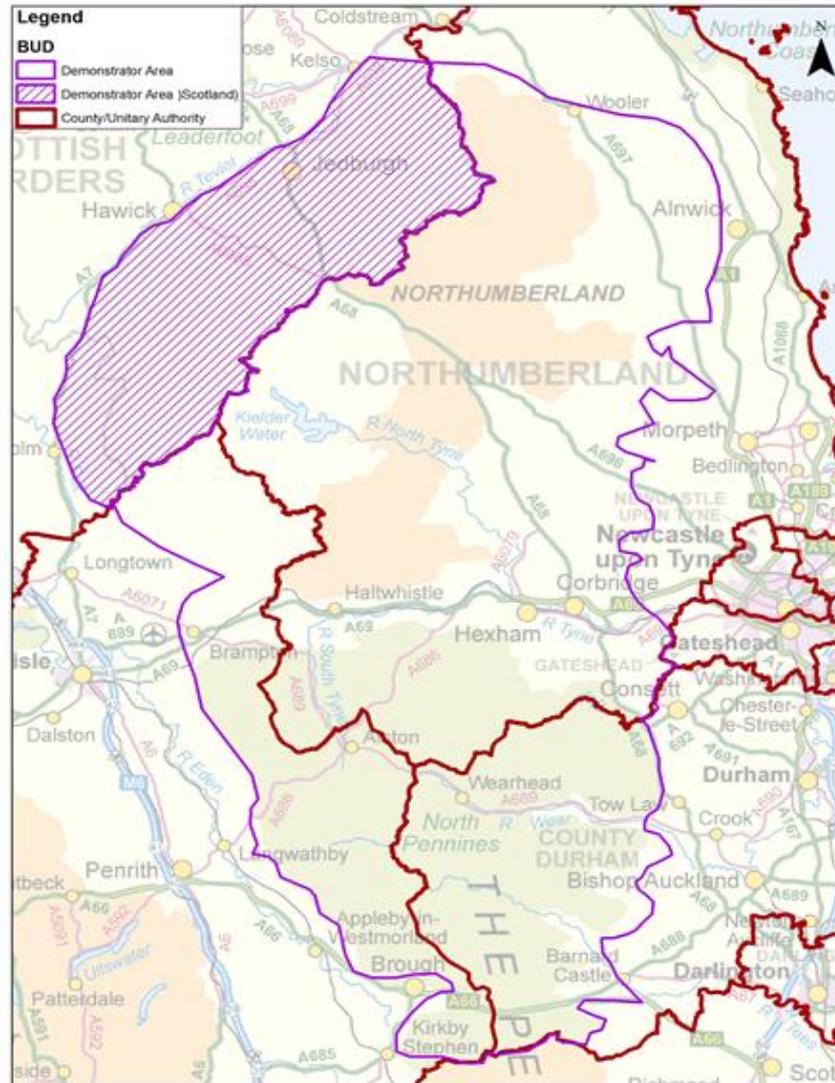
To demonstrate how a new joined up, enabling approach could deliver more holistic and sustainable outcomes , with the overall ambition of:

- A genuinely environment-based economy where the management of a high quality, healthy, resilient natural environment and a rich cultural heritage underpin the area's sustainable development and are at the heart of what people value about the places they live, work and visit
- Resilient communities that can attract new generations into an economically and environmentally sustainable area, that has access to communications, services and a thriving visitor economy



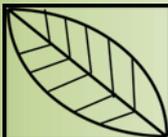
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Where is it?



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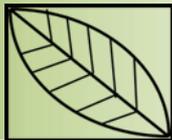


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Guiding principles of how we will work

- **Working differently**
- **Working together**
- **Empowering local communities**
- **Developing skills and knowledge**
- **Developing opportunities based on evidence**
- **Actively monitoring outcomes and impacts**
- **Aligning investment**
- **Demonstrating innovation**

What could the impact of doing things differently be?

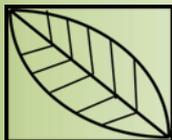


What have we done so far?

- Two separate partner working groups to date
 - Natural Environment
 - Socio-Economic

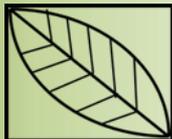
Emerging Themes

1. Natural flood management
2. Peatland restoration
3. Environmental land management
4. Woodland management and creation
5. Soil and nutrient management
6. Monitoring
7. Upland farming and land based economy
8. Community wellbeing and access to services
9. Working locally together
10. Tourism
11. Funding
12. Place based approaches



What we will be doing next?

- Overarching report
 - existing evidence
 - current assets, challenges and opportunities
 - Fit with Defra 25 Plans (Food & Farming; Environment) and other regional and national strategies
- Begin to scope a small number of place-based approaches
 - Greater Liddesdale
 - Upper Teviotdale
 - Glendale & Till catchment
 - Upper Weardale
 - Cheviot Forests
- Natural capital approach
- Community engagement
- Joint partner workshop



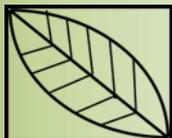
Looking to end up with 2-3 exemplar projects

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Place – theme matrix

Illustrates how themes could map onto places – to be developed dynamically

	Greater Liddesdale	Upper Teviotdale	Glendale & Till	Upper Weardale	Cheviot Forests
Farming & land based economy	Blue	Blue	Red	Blue	Blue
Natural Flood Management	Yellow	Red	Blue	Red	Blue
Outcome environmental management	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Yellow
Peatland restoration	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red
Woodland management & creation	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Red
Soil & nutrient management	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Blue	Blue
Community wellbeing	Red	Yellow	Blue	Yellow	White
Working together locally	Blue	Yellow	Blue	Yellow	White
Tourism	Red	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Yellow
Monitoring	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue



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How can you help?

- Has this kind of thing been done before?
- Is there any research or evidence you know of that you think could help us?
- Can you help us develop:
 - Action research
 - Evidence
 - Knowledge building
 - Visual data
- ?

