

# NORTH DEVON+

DELIVERING POSITIVE CHANGE



# ND+ Background



Established in 2008 through the merger of three existing organisations:

- North Devon Enterprise Agency
- North Devon Marketing Bureau
- North Devon and Exmoor Regeneration Company

In 2017 following a restructure ND+ became a local authority owned business (North Devon Council / Torridge District Council).

North Devon+ is a “not for profit” company limited by guarantee.

We provide a primary focus for regeneration and business development across northern Devon and the wider area.



# Board Structure



## **Chair**

Alan Dykes (TDK-Lambda)

## **Co-Chief Executives**

Ken Miles (NDC)

Sean Kearney (TDC)

## **Public Sector Directors**

Cllr David Clayton (NDC)

Cllr Malcolm Prowse (NDC)

Cllr Ken James (TDC)

Cllr Doug Bushby(TDC)

## **Private Sector Directors:**

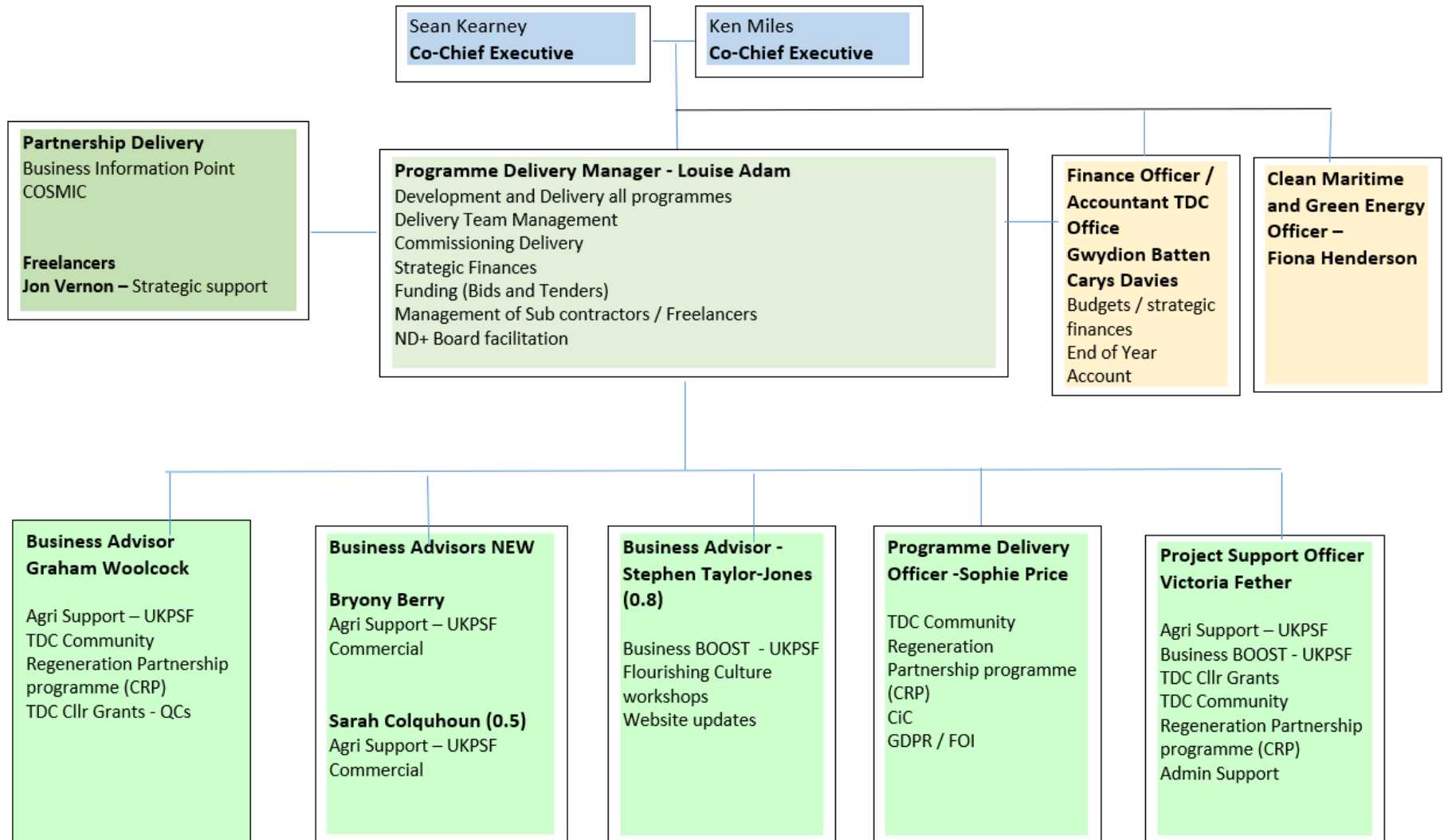
Alan Dykes - Director TDK-Lambda Germany GmbH

Tim Jones – Chairman - South -West Business Council

Mike Matthews – Managing Director - Lineal Software Solutions Ltd.

# North Devon + Structure

## ND+ Organisational Chart



# ND+ What we do.....

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- Not for profit
- Public / Private partnership
- Majority shareholding NDC / TDC
- We deliver...
- Business Support
- Project Management and Delivery
- Grant Investment Programmes
- Agricultural Support
- Strategic Support / Bid Writing

# What have we delivered?



Since 2015 we have:

- Supported c.**4,880** small businesses across Northern Devon and wider Devon area.
- Set up, managed and delivered grant investment programmes providing funding of over **£12.3m** to local businesses
- Assisted businesses to create over **616** jobs.

# Business Support and Project Management

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Impartial business support, signposting and guidance for SMEs to start up, grow and to develop:

- Start up and Grow
- DCC Growth Support Programme
- DCC EU Transition programme
- Business BOOST
- DCC Growth Hub Services for All (Thrive)
- Kickstart Scheme

# Grant Investment Programmes



- LEADER 5
- RGF / Unlocking Business Investment
- ARG – Additional Restrictions Grants  
3 rounds
- Devon Elevation Fund (Community  
Renewal Pilot)
- Business BOOST 1 (ARG)
- Councillor Grants
- Business BOOST 2 (UKSPF)
- Rural England Prosperity Fund

# Agricultural Support

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Supported **485** Farms in Devon and **126** farms in Cornwall with over **4,600** hours of support to help them:



- Navigate the changes brought about by the Agricultural Transition
- Ensure sustainability and local food resilience
- ELMS (pilot)
- FFR rounds 1-3
- Farm BOOST (UKPSF)
- DCC Agri Tech (UKPSF)

# Agricultural Support

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North Devon + Supporting local farmers to help them to:



- Sustainable Farming Incentive – updates
- Defra grant updates:
  - Countryside Stewardship Schemes
  - Forestry Grants
  - Capital Grant Scheme
  - Farming Equipment and Technology Fund
  - Signpost to other local organisation's - Devon Wildlife Trust and the Westcountry Rivers Trust

# Clean Maritime and Green Energy (1 of 4)

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Fiona Henderson, the Clean Maritime and Green Energy Officer, ND+, is working closely with TDC on the following:

- **Appledore Clean Maritime Innovation Centre (ACMIC) Site:**
  - Engaging with potential future tenants, partnerships and wider stakeholders.
  - Promoting awareness of ACMIC at local, national and international levels, including presentations:
    - For the IFMEREER College in Tangier, Morocco as part of the British Council's Going Global Partnerships (virtually!)
    - At the Maritime UK SW Clean Maritime Expo in Bournemouth
    - 361 Energy Fair in Barnstaple



# Clean Maritime and Green Energy (2 of 4)

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- North Devon and Torrington Green Hydrogen Routemap (2025 – 2050):
    - Looking at the future potential supply and demand of green hydrogen in the region.
    - Consideration of the planning and environmental constraints, and the infrastructure and skills and training development required.
    - To be finalised in Aug 2025.
  - Floating Offshore Wind
    - Key point of contact for FLOW developers on behalf of TDC, North Devon Council and Devon County Council.
    - Monitoring developments in the sector
    - Identifying skills and training pathways and exploring social value opportunities
    - Looking to identify and promote regional supply chain capabilities
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# Clean Maritime and Green Energy (3 of 4)

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- **North Devon and Torridge Maritime Network**
  - Creating a collaborative maritime network for North Devon and Torridge to champion and drive growth, innovation and sustainability in the local marine and maritime sectors
  - Engaging with maritime businesses of all sizes from fishing and aquaculture to renewable energy and tourism
  - Organising and running quarterly network events.
- **Aquaculture Strategy:**
  - Working with the North Devon UNESCO Biosphere to develop an Aquaculture Strategy, to identify and guide sustainable aquaculture development across North Devon and Torridge.



# Clean Maritime and Green Energy (4 of 4)

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# Strategic support & bid writing

**Activities include** strategy development, project delivery, feasibility studies, programme and project evaluations, bid writing, Accountable Body services

## Examples...



- Providing Insights data reports for local authorities
- Destination Management / Tourism Research
- Northern Devon Economic Strategy and data
- Northam Burrows Centre - Coastal Communities Fund bid (£1.2 million) + bid for Dev't Officer
- North Devon Ent Centre Bus Case (£5m project)
- Prince's Countryside Fund bid (£50k)
- Support for Stage 1 Future High Street Fund bids
- Plastic-Free Northern Devon Strategy
- Coastal Community Team Economic Plans x 7
- Cornwall Marine Capital Fund Evaluation

# Q & A



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