
JOINT PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE 22/10/21

Present: Isle of Anglesey County Council

Cllr Richard Dew
Cllr John Griffith
Cllr Kenneth P Hughes
Cllr Richard Owain Jones
Cllr Robin Williams

Gwynedd Council

Cllr Anne Lloyd Jones
Cllr Gareth Griffith
Cllr Paul Rowlinson
Cllr Gareth Roberts

Officers:

Dewi F Jones Chief Planning Officer (IACC)
Gareth Jones Assistant Head of Department (GC)
Heledd Jones Team Leader - (JPPS)
Robyn Jones Legal Services Manager (IACC)
Bob Thomas Team Leader - (JPPS)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received by Cyng. Nicola Roberts, Cyng. Berwyn Parry Jones
Cyng. John Arwel Roberts, Cyng. Owain Williams (failed to join the meeting due to
technical problems) and Rebeca Jones (Planning Policy Manager (JPPS))

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None to note

3. URGENT BUSINESS

None to note

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee held on 8 October 2021 were accepted as a true record

5. JOINT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW REPORT

A presentation was given by Heledd Jones outlining the purpose and the work
associated with preparing a Review Report. It was noted that the purpose of the Review
Report was to examine all evidence that was relevant to the Joint LDP and to come to a
conclusion regarding the type of review that would be followed. It was also noted that the
purpose of the Review Report was not to detail any changes that would be made to the

Plan.

The Panel's attention was drawn to the fact that the Review Report included the following:

- What information is being considered to steer the review of the Plan and why?
- How do the findings affect the vision, aims and objectives of the plan, including the implementation of the strategy?
- A review of all subject areas in the plan noting clearly what needs to change and which parts of the evidence base need to be updated to support the changes.
- Implications for sections of the Plan that are not intended to be amended in terms of coherence and efficiency of the Plan in its entirety.
- Reconsider the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Habitats Regulations Assessment.
- Examine and explain the opportunities to prepare Joint LDPs with neighbouring LPAs and increase cross-border working.
- Clear conclusions on why the full review needs to be followed (which amounts to preparing a new Plan), or the short form review procedure (which amounts to adapting sections of the existing Plan).

In addition, it was highlighted that changes had been included in the Report following feedback from the Anglesey Leadership Team. These were, including reference to the North Anglesey Regeneration Plan, an additional section for Biodiversity, minor changes to the section on Brexit and the section that refers to Wylfa Newydd.

It was confirmed that the Review Report reached a conclusion regarding the need to hold a Full Review of the Plan. Furthermore, the timetable and reporting procedure in relation to receiving approval of the Review Report were highlighted.

Matters Raised

- The importance of raising the public's awareness of the consultation period was noted, in order for as many as possible to give their input on the important matters that the area faces e.g. holiday accommodation. It was asked if a press release would be prepared?
- If the Councils make the decision, it was asked how much influence Welsh Government had on us?
- As a result of pressure to undertake the Review urgently, concern was expressed regarding the slippage of a month in the timetable. It was noted that the Review Report was meant to be submitted to the Government by the end of January 2022, however, it would be March by the time the Councils would be in a position to do so. What was the reason for this delay and would this delay affect the entire timetable.

Response

- It was noted that a member of the press was at the meeting and therefore likely to report back that a consultation period on the Review Report was likely to take place. The JPPS would engage with all Councillors, Community Councils, Key Stakeholders together with all organisations/individuals who have expressed an interest in the process of preparing the Development Plan as well as raising further awareness of this consultation process.
- It must be remembered that the purpose of the Review Report is to reach a conclusion regarding what type of review is needed of the Plan, namely a Full Report in this case.
 - There has been delay due to the need to include the findings of the 3rd Annual Monitoring Report in the Review Report. In addition, several internal meetings have taken place and scheduled in order to ensure that the report is scrutinised internally and that there is appropriate input to it. We do not anticipate that this delay of a month will affect the timetable of preparing the Plan. Next year's elections will affect the timetable

and one of the first tasks for both Councils will be to consider the Delivery Agreement for the amended Plan.

Decision The Committee resolved to accept the recommendation to hold a public consultation on the Review Report

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 11.00 am

CHAIRMAN