

MEETING	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	March 16 th 2022
TITLE	AONB Management Plan
PURPOSE	Inform members
AUTHOR	AONB Officer
RECOMMENDATION	Accept the Information

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Preparing and publishing a Management Plan is one of Gwynedd Council's responsibilities in relation to the AONB as a consequence of the CRow Act 2000.
- 1.2 It is noted in the Act that relevant Authorities need to review the Management Plans every 5 years after the initial adoption. The existing Llŷn AONB Management Plan period is 2015-20 and the intention was to review the Plan during 2019/2020. Unfortunately this has not happened due to a number of factors including the pandemic, work on other projects and capacity issues.
- 1.3 The Joint Advisory Committee has a role to play in the Plan review process.

2.0 THE REVIEW PROCESS

- 2.1 The former Countryside Council for Wales has published guidelines for Local Authorities on the preparation and review of Management Plans.
- 2.2 As well as reviewing the actual Plan itself there will be a need to update the associated environmental reports, ie:
 - **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**
 - **Habitats Regulations Assessments (European Sites)**
- 2.3 When reviewing the Management Plan there is a need to consider the most up to date information on the area's features, relevant plans and strategies, conservation objectives, local projects etc.

3.0 PROGRESS TO DATE

- 3.1 Some time ago a discussion has been held between the 3 northern AONBs, the Snowdonia National Park Authority and Natural Resources Wales. Issues discussed included methods of consulting, good practice, working in partnership to gather information, Area Statements etc.

- 3.2 An internal review of the existing Plan has been undertaken- trying to identify sections which have proved effective and others which could be improved.
- 3.3 In 2021 the AONB Unit commissioned an update of the State of the AONB Report. This Report contains information on the condition of the AONB's special features, pressures etc.
- 3.4 The intention is to present a further report with more information and a timetable for the Management Plan review to the next Joint Committee meeting.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 Accept the information.