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| <b>MEETING</b>        | Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee |
| <b>DATE</b>           | March 16 <sup>th</sup> 2022        |
| <b>TITLE</b>          | Nature Recovery Action Plan        |
| <b>PURPOSE</b>        | Inform members                     |
| <b>AUTHOR</b>         | Biodiversity Officer               |
| <b>RECOMMENDATION</b> | Accept the Information             |

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 2019 was a turning point in recognising the escalating nature emergency and stepping up action for biodiversity. Wales also declared a climate emergency, with Gwynedd Council itself following suit in March 2019. In response the National Nature Recovery Action Plan was published and part 1, “Our strategy for Nature”, setting out the commitment to reversing the loss of biodiversity in Wales and the objectives for action ([The Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales 2020 to 2021 \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/nature-recovery-action-plan)). Since then, the Welsh Government has also declared a nature emergency in June 2021.
- 1.2 Following on from this, Welsh Government have asked each Local Authority, National Park and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty across Wales to produce their own Action Plan, detailing how each area should approach nature recovery.

## **2.0 GWYNEDD AND LLŷN NATURE RECOVERY ACTION PLAN**

- 2.1 Gwynedd and Llŷn AONB have decided to produce a joint Action Plan, which will not only aim to address the national objectives, but also address those environmental challenges and concerns closer to home. For instance, when the communities of Llŷn were asked what is good about their area during recent consultations for the Ardal Ni project, it was noted that “Environment and proximity to natural attractions e.g. mountains, the seaside and the countryside” scored the highest. We want to ensure that we have a plan in place which ensures that our communities and local residents across Gwynedd and Llŷn can continue to enjoy and benefit from our own byd natur.
- 2.2 The Action Plan itself is a policy document we are producing that will aid in the recovery of nature in Gwynedd and the Llŷn. The document is aimed at a wide range of stakeholders, partners, groups and individuals who have an interest in nature recovery or are key to it. We will be holding consultations aimed at various groups starting at the end of spring this year (2022). The outcomes of these consultations will be used to lead and initiate action towards nature recovery in Gwynedd and Llŷn, so we would urge you to participate where you can.

- 2.3 For more information on the Nature Recovery Action Plan, visit the Wales Biodiversity Partnership website by clicking the following link: [Wales Biodiversity Partnership - Nature Recovery Action Plan \(biodiversitywales.org.uk\)](https://biodiversitywales.org.uk)

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Accept the information.