

MEETING	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	June 27 th 2022
TITLE	AONB Management Plan
PURPOSE	Inform members
AUTHOR	AONB Officer
RECOMMENDATION	Accept the Information

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Preparing and reviewing the Management Plan is one of Gwynedd Council's responsibilities in relation to the AONB as a consequence of the CRoW Act 2000. The Joint Advisory Committee has a role to play in the Plan review process.
- 1.2 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.

2.0 THE REVIEW PROCESS

- 2.1 When reviewing the Plan reference needs to be made to guidelines for Local Authorities on the preparation and review of Management Plans published by the former Countryside Council for Wales.
- 2.2 Also when reviewing the 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 As mentioned in the previous meeting some background work on the Plan review has taken place.
- 3.2 Also the AONB Unit has 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. The intention is to translate this whole document but as an initial action the main findings of the report have been translated and are provided for JAC members – see Appendix 1.

4.0 NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 The AONB Unit is in the process of preparing a brief to consultants to update of the Management Plan's context. This work will entail updating information on plans, strategies, Acts etc which are relevant to the AONB Management Plan. The aim is to get this work completed over the Summer/ Autumn this year.
- 4.2 Following on the AONB Unit will assess and revise the Plan's aims, objectives and policies and suggest updating/ changes to respond to new information and/ or a change in circumstances. The aim is to report back on this stage in the last quarter of 2022.
- 4.3 In 2023 we will work on updating the Action Plan which includes information on the work which it is intended to undertake during the Plan period. Also the Environmental and Habitats Assessments will need to be reviewed.
- 4.4 Following on there will be a Consultation Period on the revised draft Plan. We will consult with public and private sectors, societies and individuals by various methods to get their views on the Plan.
- 4.5 The Joint Advisory Committee will have a key role in assessing the responses received during the consultation period and deciding on changes and the final form of the Plan. The aim is to adopt the revised AONB Management Plan before the end of 2023.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Accept the information.