

MEETING	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	June 27 th 2024
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 Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as part 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 is dated and needs to be reviewed. Unfortunately a number of factors, including the pandemic, work on other projects and capacity issues have delayed the process.

2.0 THE REVIEW PROCESS

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Also reference needs to be made to guidelines for Local Authorities on the preparation and review of Management Plans. Guidelines were published by the former Countryside Council for Wales many years ago.
- 2.3 Recently Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru commissioned Land Use Consultants to review and update these Guidelines, the final version is expected to be published soon.

3.0 STATE OF THE AONB AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 Some background work on the Plan review has taken place.

- 3.2 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. A summary has been presented to the JAC in the past.
- 3.3 Also some time ago the AONB Unit commissioned consultants to update of the Management Plan's context. The work included updating information on plans, strategies, Acts etc which are relevant to the AONB Management Plan.

4.0 STEPS TO BE TAKEN

- 4.1 Soon the AONB Unit will start to 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 arrange a meeting of the JAC to discuss these matters in the Autumn.
- 4.2 Then 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.
- 4.3 Following on there will need to 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. The Joint Advisory Committee will have a key role in assessing the responses received during the consultation period.

5.0 KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 Below there is a list of the Llŷn AONB Special Qualities as identified in the existing Management Plan:

- Beautiful landscape and coast
- Tranquility and a clean environment
- A wealth of wildlife and habitats
- The Historic Environment
- The Welsh language and culture
- People and close knit communities

- Local produce and businesses
- Access and rights of way

5.2 As an initial step in the review process Members of the JAC are requested to suggest what, in their opinion, are some of key issues which are relevant to these Qualities and the Llŷn Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty at this time.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 Accept the information.