

<b>MEETING</b>	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
<b>DATE</b>	March 18 <sup>th</sup> 2026
<b>TITLE</b>	The Sustainable Development Fund
<b>PURPOSE</b>	Inform members, review Panel membership
<b>AUTHOR</b>	AONB Officer
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	Accept the information, select new members

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides information on the Sustainable Development Fund for the current financial year (2025-26).
- 1.2 The report also contains information on some changes that need to be introduced to the Fund's administration as a result of amendments to the Framework document published by the Welsh Government.

## 2.0 2025/26 SPEND

- 2.1 A total of **£95,000** was available for the Sustainable Development Fund for the current financial year. Almost all of this money was earmarked for local projects in Llŷn.
- 2.2 The list below contains information on the projects on a one by one basis, with a reference number:

• CDC 25.2	1st mate Maritime Museum	£4,506.00
• CDC 25.3	Bws Fflecsi Llŷn	£25,000.00
• CDC 25.4	Nefyn multi use paths	£11,450.00
• CDC 25.5	Enlli Solar power	£9,572.00
• CDC 25.6	Llanbedrog playing field	£22,145.00
• CDC 25.7	Porthdinllaen rowing club	£750.00
• CDC 25.8	Decarbonisation of Rhiw village hall	£2,250.00
• CDC 25.9	Menter Rabar	£4,995.37
• CDC 25.10	Aelhaern nature garden	£1,000.00
• CDC 25.13	Website for Tafarn y Fic, Llithfaen	£2,439.00

**Total:** **£84,107.37**

- 2.3 Also in accordance with the rules of the Fund the AONB Unit was able to claim 10% for the administration of the grant (£9,500). Total expenditure therefore (if all projects claim in full) will be: £93,607.37.

### **3.0 THE FUND IN 2026/27**

- 3.1 There is also **£95,000** available for the Sustainable Development Fund in the next financial year (2026/27).
- 3.2 A meeting of the Grants Panel will need to be held shortly to consider new applications.

### **4.0 CHANGES TO THE FUND'S ADMINISTRATION FOR 2026-27**

- 4.1 The Welsh Government, which provides the funding for the Fund, has recently published a revised Framework Document (copy in Annex).
- 4.2 There are a number of significant changes to the Framework Document. Below is a summary of the most significant ones:
- Due to the need to respond to the nature and climate emergencies **60% of funding is required** to be earmarked for projects that address, or respond to, climate change and biodiversity losses.
  - **Increased emphasis on collaborating** with other landscapes, the voluntary/community sector and other partners.
  - **The need to include information about the Fund** on a continually updated website, with details of how to apply, application form etc.
  - **Panel Membership** – the Panel must consist of at least 3 members and a maximum of 5. Members should serve a minimum of 2 years but cannot serve for longer than 4 consecutive years. Membership must be reviewed biennially. Members are required to be aware of the Welsh Government's priorities and attend any training that is arranged.
  - **The Panel will be accountable for all decisions** made and will need to be able to provide justification. Decisions will need to be advertised on the website.

### **5.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 Accept the above information.
- 5.2 Review the membership of the Grants Panel to comply with the revised regulations.