

MEETING	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	22 nd November 2016
TITLE	Anglesey and Gwynedd Local Development Plan 2011-26
PURPOSE	Update for Members
AUTHOR	Llŷn AONB Service manager
RECOMMENDATION	Accept the information

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Gwynedd and Anglesey County Councils have produced a Development Plan - Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan. This Plan will eventually replace all existing Development Plans and will be operative until 2026.
- 1.2 The Plan has been prepared over a number of years in accordance with guidelines and advice issued by Welsh Government contained in various documents. The AONB Unit has contributed to the development of the Plan's strategy and has made comments on various draft sections of the Plan.

2.0 THE COMMENTS MADE BY THE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The draft Plan was considered by the Joint Advisory Committee during the public consultation period and it was decided to make a series of comments relating to various matters relating to the AONB. These were submitted to the Joint Policy Unit.
- 2.2 The Policy Unit considered all the comments that were made on the draft Plan and decided to make some changes which were again subject to consultation. Some of these changes addressed the objections that had been made to the Plan but a large number were still outstanding and needed to be considered by the Independent Examination method.

3.0 INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

- 3.1 With the Independent Examination, 2 Inspectors consider all the remaining objections to the Plan (i.e that had not been resolved by the Focussed Changes). These remaining objections were to be considered by the written method or by hearing – dependent on what the objector desired.
- 3.2 In the case of the AONB Joint Advisory Committee it was decided for the Inspectors to deal with some of the objections by the written method and to attend the Inquiry to make the case at a hearing with other matters.

- 3.3 The hearings were held in September this year at various locations. The AONB Service had prepared Written Statements relating to the relevant matters and they were submitted to the Programme Officer beforehand.
- 3.4 Then the JAC Chair attended hearings to represent the JAC on matters regarding the Natural Environment and the Economy while the Vice-chair attended the hearing on Renewable Energy issues.
- 3.5 Next, the Joint Policy Unit will publish a series of further proposed changes – this is expected to happen before Christmas. Then the Inspectors' Report on the outstanding objections to the LDP will be published in early 2017.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 Accept the information.