

MEETING	THE COUNCIL
DATE	21 October 2010
TITLE	Joint Planning Policy Committee
PURPOSE	To have an agreement between Gwynedd Council and the Isle of Anglesey County Council to deliver and support a Joint Planning Policy Committee.
RECOMMENDATION	It is recommended that the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approves the agreement in Appendix A for delivering and supporting a Joint Planning Policy Committee. b) Delegates the authority to the Head of Democracy and Legal to amend the Council's constitution subject to reaching agreement with Anglesey County Council. c) Delegates authority to the Head of the Regulatory Department, in conjunction with the Head of Democracy and Legal, to make minor amendments to the agreement in Appendix A.
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1. Background

1.1 On 15 June 2010, a report was presented to the Council's Board asking for approval to deliver a Joint Planning Policy Service for Gwynedd Council (excluding the area of the Snowdonia National Park Authority) and Anglesey County Council. The recommendations approved by the Board included:

- i) That the Planning Policy Service for Gwynedd and Anglesey Planning Authorities be delivered jointly through a Joint Planning Policy Unit.
- ii) That the Joint Planning Policy Unit starts work on a single Local Development Plan for Gwynedd and Anglesey Planning Authorities.
- iii) That a Joint Planning Policy Committee be formed as a cross boundary decision making body.

The above recommendations were also approved by the Anglesey Council Executive Committee on 15 June 2010.

- 1.2 Since receiving the approval of the Council's Board, both authorities (Gwynedd and Anglesey) have set about to implement the above recommendations. The purpose of this report is to implement recommendation iii), that a Joint Planning Policy Committee be formed as a cross boundary decision making body.
- 1.3 It is important to note therefore that the principle of establishing a Joint Planning Policy Committee for Gwynedd and Anglesey has already been agreed by the Council Board and that the next step for its implementation is to agree the details.

2. The Agreement

- 2.1 The agreement in Appendix A has been prepared jointly by Planning and Legal officers from Gwynedd and Anglesey. The agreement contains details of the Committee's responsibilities and the constitutional, executive and administrative arrangements for the Committee.
- 2.2 The content of the agreement has been agreed between the relevant Officers in Gwynedd and Anglesey. The intention is to have agreement by the Full Councils of both Authorities to establish a Joint Planning Policy Committee. This will enable the two Authorities to establish a Joint Planning Policy Unit (recommendation i in 1.1) and to move forward with the task of producing one Local Development Plan for both Authorities (recommendation ii in 1.1).
- 2.3 It is understood that a report similar to this one will be presented by Anglesey's Head of Planning and Public Protection Service to a Full Meeting of Anglesey County Council.

3. Financial implications

- 3.1 One of the reasons for delivering a Joint Planning Policy Service for Gwynedd and Anglesey is to make the best use the resources of both authorities. Any costs associated with establishing and forming the Committee will be shared between the two authorities. Eventually, it is believed that a formal joint working arrangement between the two authorities, including forming a Joint Planning Policy Unit, producing one Local Development Plan and forming a Joint Planning Policy Committee, will be more cost effective than if there were no formal joint working between the two authorities, where each authority produced its own Local Development Plan.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Council:
- a) Approves the agreement in Appendix A for delivering and supporting a Joint Planning Policy Committee.

- b) Delegates the authority to the Head of Democracy and Legal to amend the Council's constitution subject to reaching agreement with Anglesey County Council.
- c) Delegates the authority to the Head of the Regulatory Department, in conjunction with the Head of Democracy and Legal, to make minor amendments to the agreement in Appendix A if required.