

MEETING	Full Council
DATE	20 October 2011
TOPIC	Joint Local Development Plan – Delivery Agreement
PURPOSE	To inform the Council about the Delivery Agreement for preparing the Joint Local Development Plan for Anglesey and Gwynedd, and to ask it to adopt it so that it can be presented to the Welsh Government for its approval.
RECOMMENDATION	<p>(i) That the Council adopts the Delivery Agreement in Appendix 1 so that it can be sent to the Welsh Government.</p> <p>(ii) Delegate powers to the Head of Regulatory Department make minor amendments to the Delivery Agreement should they be required following receipt of the Welsh Government’s comments.</p>
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Gwynedd Council and the Isle of Anglesey County Council have begun the work of preparing a Joint Local Development Plan (Joint LDP) for the Anglesey and Gwynedd Planning Authority areas. In accordance with the Regulations dealing with the preparation of Joint LDPs, the first step in the process is to prepare a Delivery Agreement.
- 1.2 This report provides information on:
- the function of the Delivery Agreement;
 - the process of preparing the Delivery Agreement so far;
 - the next steps.
- 1.3 This report also presents the ‘Delivery Agreement’ document (Appendix 1), the Self- Assessment document (Appendix 2) and the Equality Impact Assessment (Appendix 3).
- 1.4 The Regulations state that the Delivery Agreement must be adopted through resolution by the Isle of Anglesey County Council and Gwynedd Council before

seeking the approval of the Welsh Government. The Isle of Anglesey County Council adopted the Agreement on the 13th September 2011.

2. The function of the Delivery Agreement

- 2.1 The finalised Delivery Agreement (DA) is an important and legal element in the process of drawing up a joint LDP. It will constitute an official agreement between the Councils of Gwynedd and Anglesey and the Welsh Government.
- 2.2 The Councils must monitor progress against the contents of the DA. If revisions are required, the Councils must follow the same process as used to prepare the Delivery Agreement the first time.
- 2.3 The Inspector appointed for the Public Examination will scrutinize the documents submitted to him in order to reach a conclusion with regard to the soundness of the joint LDP. Any deviations from the DA not previously been agreed by the Welsh Government will be an important test of the soundness of the Joint LDP.
- 2.4 The relevant test for soundness that the Inspector will refer to is outlined below:

G1 That the plan has been prepared in accordance with the Delivery Agreement including the Community Involvement Plan.

- 2.5 The contents of the Delivery Agreement and its means of implementation by Councils are therefore essential to the general success of the Joint LDP.
- 2.6 The Welsh Government has published a manual providing detailed practical and technical advice on aspects of the production of local development plans and it is expected that its contents be considered in conjunction with legislation, regulations and guidelines relating to the preparation of local development plans. The DA in Appendix 1 was prepared with these documents in mind.
- 2.7 As noted above, the Welsh Government must approve the contents of the DA. The appendix to the Welsh Government manual states that brief additional commentary must be provided outlining how the Welsh Government's criteria have been met.
- 2.8 Appendix 2 to this report includes the Welsh Government's criteria and the response.

3. What is in the Delivery Agreement?

- 3.1 There are two main sections to the Delivery Agreement, namely:

3.1.1 Section A – A Management Plan for the Timetable for preparing the Joint LDP, which states:

- The timetable for the preparation for the Joint LDP
- The scope and influence of the Joint LDP
- The factors likely to influence the process of preparing the joint LDP and its contents
- The budgetary and staff resources required within the Councils for the preparation of the joint LDP

3.1.2 The Welsh Government is promoting a 4 year timetable for the preparation of LDPs.

3.2 Section B – A Community Involvement Plan, which states:

- Who Councils will engage with in the preparation of the joint LDP;
- How and when Council Officers, elected Members, the public, interested groups in the area and developers can contribute to the process;
- How responses will be handled.

3.3 A copy of the Delivery Agreement is available in Appendix 1 in this report.

4. What is the process?

4.1 The following actions have been taken to compile the Delivery Agreement so far:

- The Joint Planning Policy Unit has prepared a consultation draft Delivery Plan in consultation with the Gwynedd Council Scrutiny Committee, the Isle of Anglesey County Council's Scrutiny Committee, and the Joint Planning Policy Committee (Gwynedd and Anglesey);
- Consultation with the public, Specific and General Consultation Bodies (see the appendices in the Delivery Agreement);
- Reviewing the DA with the Joint Planning Policy Committee following the public consultation;
- Reviewing the DA against the Equality Impact Assessment criteria (Appendix 3);
- Presenting the DA to Gwynedd Council's Environment Scrutiny Committee (30/06/11) and to the Isle of Anglesey County Council's Environment and Technical Services Scrutiny Committee (26/07/11);
- The DA was approved by the Commissioner who is responsible for planning matters (Anglesey Council);
- Gwynedd Council's Board approved the document on 26/07/11;
- The Isle of Anglesey County Council resolved to adopt the document on 13/09/11

4.2 These are the next steps in the process:

- Adopting the Delivery Agreement through resolution by Gwynedd Council (20/10/11)
- Submitting the Delivery Agreement to the Welsh Government – October 2011
- Welsh Government approval for the Delivery Agreement – November 2011
- Publishing and placing the agreed Delivery Agreement on deposit – as soon as possible after receiving the approval of the Welsh Government.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 That the Council adopts the Delivery Agreement in Appendix 1 so that it can be sent to the Welsh Government.
- 5.2 Delegate powers to the Head of Regulatory Department to make minor amendments to the Delivery Agreement should they be required following receipt of the Welsh Government's comments.

Appendices:
<p>Appendix 1 - Delivery Agreement Appendix 2 - Delivery Agreement Assessment Criteria Appendix 3 – Equality Impact Assessment</p>

Background Papers:
<p>Town and Country Planning Regulations (Local Development Plans) (Wales) 2005; Local Development Plans Manual (2006)</p>