

MEETING	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	24th of June 2015
TITLE	Review of Welsh Designated Landscapes
PURPOSE	Inform members
AUTHOR	Llŷn AONB Service manager
RECOMMENDATION	Accept the information.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report provides information on the situation regarding the Review of Designated Landscapes being currently undertaken by the Welsh Government.

2.0 REVIEW OF DESIGNATED LANDSCAPES

2.1 This matter was first reported in October 2014 when it was explained that an independent review of Designated Landscapes in Wales is being undertaken during 2014 and 2015. Part 1 of the Review has looked at the purpose of the designated areas and the advantages/ disadvantages of categorising Wales' designated landscapes under one designation.

2.2 At the last meeting of the JAC, in March 2015, it was reported that the conclusions to Stage 1 on the Review had been received (a copy of the Review Panel's report can be seen on the Welsh Government website). There was some further discussion regarding these findings and further comments were made and it was decided to forward these to the the Review Panel.

3.0 STAGE 2 OF THE REVIEW

3.1 By now the Review Panel have moved on to deal with Stage 2 of the work - which looks at how AONBs and National Parks are managed and governed. Papers have been received with background information on Stage 2 which contained a series of questions for respondents to address (see Appendix).

3.2 Gwynedd Council has responded independently to the Review Panel. There is an opportunity now however for the JAC to consider that matter and present views and responses to the questions raised by the review Panel.

3.3 For information the AONB Unit has also received copies of responses made by other organisations on Stage 2 of the Review, including those by:

- Welsh National Parks (Collective response)
- Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales
- The National Association of AONB's

- Some of the other Welsh AONB's
- 3.4 Copies of these responses are available from the AONB Unit should any member wish to see them.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1. To consider the matters raised in Stage 2 of the Review of Designated Landscapes of Wales, including the questions set by the Review Panel.
- 4.2 Agree on a response to Stage 2 of the Review to be sent forward to the attention of the Review Panel.

APPENDICES

Copy of letter by Professor Terry Marsden, Chair, The Review of Designated Landscapes in Wales.

The Review of Designated Landscapes in Wales - Stage Two - Background