

MEETING	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	5 April 2017
TITLE	Local Members and the Joint Advisory Committee
PURPOSE	Present information
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RECOMMENDATION	Retain the present arrangement regarding membership of the JAC

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Report has been included on the Agenda following a previous discussion about the number of Local Members that sit on the AONB's Joint-Advisory Committee.
- 1.2 The Report's purpose is to discuss the obligations and the process, of changing the constitution of the AONB's Joint-Advisory Committee in terms of the number of Local Members that can be members of the Committee at any time.

2.0 THE PRESENT SITUATION

- 2.1 At the moment, the Constitution stated that 5 Local Members are members of the JAC. The current members represent the areas of Aberdaron, Abersoch, Clynnog, Llanbedrog and Nefyn. Also of course, there are representatives of many other organisations.
- 2.2 In its present form, the Constitution states that Members are changed following every local election. This would mean that current Members would stand down and 5 new members would join the JAC following the May 2017 elections.
- 2.3 Under this arrangement, Members could spend a period of 4-5 years on the JAC (depending on the timing of local elections).

3.0 CONSIDERING CHANGE

- 3.0 In June 2015, the possibility was discussed about changing the Constitution and allowing every Local Member from wards within the AONB (partly or entirely) to become members on the JAC. At that time, it was expected that ward boundaries would change and that there would be less Local Members for the AONB area.
- 3.1 However, no changes were made to the number of wards and the total of Members with wards within the AONB (partly or entirely) stands at 11. If all these Members were part of the JAC, the number of members would increase from 27 to 33.
- 3.2 If the present order is changed, all relevant Members from Gwynedd Council on the JAC would be permanent and would be the vast majority compared to other

organisations. It's important to state also that there is a seat for a representative from all Community Councils in the AONB already.

4.0 ARRANGEMENTS

- 4.1 A vote will be needed within the JAC if there is a change to be made to the Constitution to allow all relevant Members from Gwynedd Council to become members of the JAC. Also, following this, a change will need to be confirmed through Gwynedd Council's Cabinet or the decision of the Cabinet Member (as was made in the case recently of who could act as Chair).