

MEETING	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	December 4 th 2019
TITLE	AONB Management Plan
PURPOSE	Inform members
AUTHOR	AONB Officer
RECOMMENDATION	Accept the Information

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Preparing and publishing a Management Plan is one of Gwynedd Council's main responsibilities in relation to the AONB as a consequence of the CRow Act 2000.
- 1.2 It is stipulated in the Act that relevant Authorities need to review the Management Plans every 5 years after the initial adoption. The existing Llŷn AONB Management Plan period is 2015-20 therefore the Plan needs to be reviewed soon.
- 1.3 The Joint Advisory Committee has an important role to play in the Plan review process.

2.0 GUIDELINES

- 2.1 Some years ago the former Countryside Council for Wales published guidelines for Local Authorities on the preparation and review of Management Plans. Natural Resources Wales was scheduled to update the guidance this has not been done as yet.
- 2.2 As well as reviewing the actual Plan itself there will be a need to update the associated environmental reports, ie:
 - **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**
 - **Habitats Regulations Assessments (European Sites)**
- 2.3 It is also expected that Area Statements will be published by NRW in the Spring of 2020. These will form an important context for the Management Plan review.

3.0 PROGRESS TO DATE

- 3.1 To date general discussions have been held between the 3 northern AONBs, the Snowdonia National Park Authority and Natural Resources Wales. Issues discussed included methods of consulting, good practice, working in partnership to gather information, Area Statements etc.

4.0 TIMETABLE

4.1 As it is still early days it's difficult to present a detailed timetable for the review process. The aim is to get a draft revised Management Plan in place by the end of 2020 by following the steps noted below:

- Winter 2019/20 – Collate up to date information and review success of current Plan.
- Spring/ Summer 2020 – Revise and re-draft the Plan taking into account most recent information, the merits of the existing Plan, Area Statements and current Acts, Regulations and Policies.
- Autumn 2020 – Present a revised draft Management Plan to the JAC for comments and suggestions
- November 2020 – Publish a revised draft Plan for public consultation.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 Accept the above timetable as a basis for reviewing the Llŷn AONB Management Plan.