

MEETING	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	27 June 2022
TITLE	The Sustainable Development Fund
PURPOSE	Update on the Sustainable Development Fund
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RECOMMENDATION	Choose new Grant Panel members

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report presents information to members about the current situation of the Sustainable Development Fund and other issues regarding it.
- 1.2 Also new members need to be chosen to sit on the Grants Panel.

2.0 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- 2.1 Of the **£100,000** in the Fund at the beginning of 2021/22, all was allocated. Information on the various projects has previously been provided.

3.0 2022/25 BUDGET

- 3.1 Recently it was confirmed that **£100,000** will be available for the Fund for 2022/23, but also that a **£100,000** will be available for 2023/24 and 2024/25. This gives the opportunity for projects to be funded over a period of two or three years instead of a year if needed.
- 3.2 The Welsh Government has changed the Fund's Regulations to place more emphasis on the Welbeing Act and that projects related to De-carbonisation, and Nature recovery themes should be prioritised.
- 3.3 The work of promoting the opportunity to apply for the grant has begun. The members are encouraged to share information about the Fund.

4.0 GRANTS PANEL MEMBERS

- 4.1 The time has come to elect new members to the Grants Panel – which is the Panel that meets to deal with and decide upon grant applications over £3,000.
- 4.2 In the past, the Grants Panel members consisted of 8 members of the Joint-Advisory Committee. In line with the Regulations it is now suggested that 4 previous members of the Panel continue and 4 new members elected.
- 4.3 In future the intention is to change 2 members of the Panel every 2 years.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 To accept the above information about the Sustainable Development Fund, and elect new members to the Grants Panel.