

MEETING	Llŷn AONB Joint Advisory Committee
DATE	22 nd of November 2016
TITLE	Future Landscapes Wales
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 commissioned by the Welsh Government.

2.0 REVIEW OF DESIGNATED LANDSCAPES

2.1 In 2014 a Panel was appointed by Welsh Government to conduct the Review of Designated Landscapes. Part 1 of the Review looked at the purpose of the designating landscapes and the pros and cons of categorising these landscapes under one designation. Part 2 of the Review considered how National Parks and AONB's are managed and governed.

2.2 Representations were made on the Review by the Welsh AONB's, National Parks and a variety of other public and private bodies, trusts and charities (including this JAC). In addition the Panel conducted a series of meetings with individuals and organisations.

3.0 THE REVIEW REPORT

3.1 The Final Report of the Review was handed over to Welsh Government in October 2015. It was a substantial document with a significant number of detailed recommendations. Some of these were principles and procedural matters which could have been included in an Appendix.

3.2 After receiving the Final Report Welsh Government decided to develop a programme called **Future Landscapes Wales**. The purpose of this programme was to consider the report findings and other relevant matters, such as the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

4.0 FUTURE LANDSCAPES WALES

4.1 The Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas was appointed as Chair of this process and an initial meeting with stakeholders was held in Cardiff on November 2015. Following on from this a Development Group (mostly officers and members) and a Working Group (mostly academics and interest groups) was established to look at 4 specific issues related to Welsh Designated Landscapes:

- **Vision**
- **Governance/ Management**
- **Resources**
- **Economy**

- 4.2 Following on from this a fairly detailed programme of training, developing ideas, discussing options and deciding on recommendations has entailed (December 2015 – June 2016). The climax of the Future Landscapes Wales was a Challenge Chamber meeting at Cardiff on June 20th. At this meeting all the members of the Programme agreed on a Vision for the Future Landscapes and a series of measures relating to the above topics.
- 4.3 Following on from this a small group of people have worked on pulling all the work of the Future Landscapes group together in a document which would provide a direction for future development and specific actions. Also, these actions were set out in priority order – Short term, Mid term and Long term.
- 4.4 A copy of this Final draft Report was sent out at the end of October and later an Appendix was sent which contained more details for action (copies available from the AONB Service if desired).
- 4.5 A meeting of the Working Group, chaired by Lord Elis-Thomas was meeting to discuss these documents on November the 10th. Also, there is an opportunity to make “substantive” comments on the draft report by December the 1st.
- 4.6 An update on the matter will be provided at the meeting.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Accept the information.