



**Bryniau Clwyd a
Dyffryn Dyfrdwy**
Clwydian Range
and Dee Valley

Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

**JOINT COMMITTEE
Of the
CLWYDIAN RANGE & DEE VALLEY
AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY**

Held on: 14th November 2014

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Title: Forward Work Programme

1. What is the report about?

The AONB Officer and Legal Officer feel that a forward work Programme would be beneficial to the Joint Committee. This report is intended to encourage members, in advance of the meeting, to consider the future areas of work the Committee should focus its priorities upon in future years.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

The majority of other Committees develop a Forward Work Programme, and Members may agree that rather than having a reactive approach an alternative proactive strategy should be discussed and considered.

It is hoped the forward Work programme will:

- Increase knowledge of members
- Allow members to set priorities
- Give advanced notice of budget pressures
- Raise Standards

3. What are the Recommendations?

- That Joint Committee debate and consider the adoption of this Forward Work Programme.
- To have a standard item on the agenda of ' Forward Work Programme'

4. Report details.

Forward Work Programme			
Project	Detail/Ref Management Plan	Timescale	Cost –ve or +ve or neutral (Through existing and external budgets)
Strategic Plans 2014-16			
AONB Management Plan	To support the Policies of the AONB through contribution to consultations. To implement the AONB Action Plan	Spring 2015	Neutral
AONB Tourism Strategy	To Implement the action plan	Autumn 2014	Neutral
Edernton Tourism Strategy	To implement the action plan	Spring 2015	Neutral
Climate Change Programme	To implement and promote the new literature	Autumn 2014	Neutral
Outreach and Volunteers strategy	To provide a policy statement, engagement plan and action plan	Spring 2015	Neutral
Business Plan	To write a five year business plan	Spring 2015	Neutral
AONB Icons			
World Heritage Site	Collaboration between the two designations	Autumn 2014	Neutral
Section 85 Organisations			
Planning	To produce an SPG for the AONB	Autumn 2015	-ve
Tranquillity	To investigate improvements to Dark skies	Autumn 2015	-ve
Urbanisation	To enter into an agreement with NEWTRA and LA Highways to respect the rural nature of the AONB	Autumn 2015	-ve
Tourism	Investigate how best to integrate the NE Wales and AONB Brands	Autumn 2015	Visit Wales E4G

5. How does it contribute to the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB Management Plans Priorities?

The forward work programme will link back to actions, objectives and policies from the AONB Management Plan

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

This is an indicative programme in some circumstances it may save the local Authorities money. There are no implications for other services as a result of this report

7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report.

Each area of the Forward Work programme will come with its individual EIA, an EIA will be considered at that point.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

The forward work programme is considered a strategic and aspirational work programme at this point in time. Further consultation will be required to make the programme happen. Future costs and savings will be brought to the Joint committee with each individual action.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement.

There are no additional costs directly associated with this aspirational programme

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

Reputation- It also demonstrates that the Local Authorities and their Partners can work in a structured and collaborative way. It recognises that the Local Authorities are managing this National Landscape in a structured and strategic way.

11. Power to make the Decision

The Legal basis to lies in Section 101(5) of the Local Government Act of 1972 and the Local Government Act 2000, where Local authorities can enter arrangements to 'Discharge functions jointly with one or more other local authorities by means of a Joint Committee'