



**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

Lead Member / Officer: Gary Williams, Denbighshire County Council Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Secretariat to the AONB.

Report Author: Lisa Jones, Solicitor/ Deputy Monitoring Officer

Title: Adoption of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB Constitution

1. What is the report about?

The report is about the adoption of the Constitution.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

The Joint Committee will be unable to function effectively if one of the Councils Constitution was to be adopted and it is necessary for the Committee to adopt one that is tailored to its needs.

3. What are the Recommendations?

That members approve and adopt the Constitution attached at Appendix 1.

4. Report details.

Members are referred to the detail contained in the Constitution which is attached and is self explanatory. There is therefore no necessity for the detail to be repeated in this section.

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

The Constitution will support the lawful and transparent decision making required of a Joint Committee.

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

Future governance of the Joint Committee will be met within existing budgets and the cost of setting up the legal structure has been contained in house by the councils respective internal legal teams.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision?

Not required.

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

Denbighshire County Council, Flintshire County Council and Wrexham County Council have all signed the Legal Agreement which has the Constitution set out in one of the Schedules. The agreement has been scrutinised as required by each authority.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

None required.

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

None are identified. The legal agreement sets out respective obligations and provides termination provisions.

11. Power to make the Decision

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'.