

APPENDIX 1

STANDING ORDERS OF THE CLWYDIAN RANGE AND DEE VALLEY AONB JOINT COMMITTEE

1. Interpretation

- 1.1 The decision of the Chairman of the meeting as to the interpretation of any standing order or on any question of procedure not provided for by these standing orders shall be final. No debate may ensue thereon.

2. Meetings

- 2.1 The annual meeting of the Joint Committee in each year shall be held as soon as practicable after 1 June in each year and shall amongst other things receive the closing accounts for the preceding year.
- 2.2 The Joint Committee shall between each annual meeting normally meet at intervals of four months or on such other occasions or greater frequency as they may agree and shall meet on such day and at such time and place as they may determine provided that a meeting shall be held as soon as practicable after November of each year for the purpose of considering the Joint Committee's budget for the following year.
- 2.3 Unless otherwise agreed, the Joint Committee shall meet in rotation at the offices of the three Authorities.
- 2.4 With the exception of the annual meeting and the Budget meeting, the Secretary with the agreement of the Chairman and Vice Chairman may cancel any meeting of the Joint Committee if in his or her opinion insufficient business has arisen for consideration.
- 2.5 A special meeting of the Joint Committee shall be convened at any time by the Secretary upon the instructions of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

3. Notice of Meetings

- 3.1 At least 3 clear days before a meeting of the Joint Committee:
- 3.1.1 a summons to attend the meeting specifying business proposed to be transacted shall be sent electronically by the Secretary to the Joint Committee to the last email address given for that purpose by each member of the Joint Committee and to the Chief Executive of each Authority and to
- 3.1.2 notice of the time and place of the intended meeting shall be published at the offices each Authority by the Chief Executive of that Authority

3.2 Lack of service on a member of the Joint Committee of the summons referred to in paragraph 3.1.1 above shall not affect the validity of a meeting of the Joint Committee

3.3 Except in the case of business required by this standing order to be transacted at a meeting of the Joint Committee and other business to be brought before the meeting as a matter of urgency, of which the Chairman Vice Chairman and the Secretary shall have prior notice and which the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Secretary consider should be discussed at the meeting, no business shall be transacted at a meeting of the Joint Committee other than that specified in the summons relating thereto.

4. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

4.1 At its annual meeting the Joint Committee shall determine from amongst its members a Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee for the period from the commencement of that meeting of the Joint Committee up to the commencement of the next following annual meeting of the Joint Committee.

4.2 Each person proposed for any office shall be duly nominated and seconded by members attending the meeting before his or her name is submitted to the vote of the meeting. When there are more than two persons nominated for any appointment and of the votes given there is not an overall majority in favour of one person, the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote shall be taken and so on until a majority of votes is given in favour of one person.

4.3 In the event of a vacancy arising in the office of a Chairman or Vice Chairman appointed under paragraph 4.1 above, the Joint Committee at its next meeting shall appoint another member to hold such office from the commencement of that meeting until the commencement of the next following annual meeting.

5. Membership of the Joint Committee

5.1 Subject to paragraph 2, each member of the Joint Committee shall be a Councillor of the Authority by whom he or she shall have been appointed holding membership of the current Executive of that Authority and shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Joint Committee following his or her appointment unless he or she ceases to be a representative of the Authority appointing him or her or resigns his or her membership of the Joint Committee or his or her appointment is revoked by the Authority appointing him or her.

5.2 Each Authority shall fill any casual vacancy during any year in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and shall advise the Secretary to the Joint Committee within 7 days of such appointment.

5.3 Where paragraph 8.5 of the agreement applies to the Joint Committee, they shall invite the representative of the Partner in question to attend meetings of

the Joint Committee who shall have the right to speak but not to vote, as that paragraph provides. Such representative shall not be a member or officer of an Authority.

- 5.4 The Joint Committee for the time being shall co-opt as advisers to the Joint Committee the Chairman of the AONB Partnership, the AONB Officer, a representative of Natural Resources Wales, to attend and speak (but not vote) at meetings of the Joint Committee and may from time to time co-opt one or more other advisers to attend such meeting or meetings of the Joint Committee as the Joint Committee may specify having regard to the knowledge or skill of the co-opted adviser, and the contribution he may make to the business of the Joint Committee at that meeting or those meetings. Such other co-opted adviser(s) shall be entitled to speak but not to vote.

6. Chairman of Meeting

- 6.1 At each meeting of the Joint Committee the Chairman, if present, shall preside.
- 6.2 If the Chairman is absent from a meeting of the Joint Committee the Vice Chairman, if present, shall preside.
- 6.3 If both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee are absent from a meeting of the Joint Committee such member of the Joint Committee as the members present shall select shall preside.

7. Quorum

- 7.1 No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Joint Committee unless at least one member from each Authority are present.
- 7.2 If during any meeting of the Joint Committee the Chairman, after counting the number of members present, declares that there is not a quorum for the meeting then the meeting shall stand adjourned to a date and time fixed by the Chairman or, in the absence of a date and time being fixed, to the next ordinary meeting of the Joint Committee to which the consideration of any business not transacted shall be referred.

8. Order of Business

- 8.1 At every meeting of the Joint Committee the order of business shall be to select a person to preside if the Chairman or Vice Chairman are absent and thereafter shall be in accordance with the order specified in the notice of the meeting except that such order may be varied either by the Chairman at his or her discretion or on a request agreed to by the Joint Committee.
- 8.2 The Agenda shall not include an 'Any Other Business' Item.

- 8.3 Every Member (whether a Member of the Joint Committee or not) attending a meeting of the Joint Committee shall sign his/her name on the attendance sheet provided for that purpose.
- 8.4 Proceedings at meetings may not be photographed, videoed, sound recorded, broadcast or transmitted in any way (including via social media) outside the meeting by individual Members appointed to the Joint Committee, the Press or the public without the prior permission of the Chair.
- 8.5 Use of text based social media such as Twitter, Facebook, SMS text messaging by Members who are not appointed to the body whose meeting they are attending, the Press and the public is permitted during the meetings provided that this does not cause a nuisance or annoyance to others during the meeting.
- 8.6 If any activity permitted under this standing order shall create a nuisance or annoyance to others attending the meeting Standing Order 4 may be invoked by the Chair to resolve the issue.
- 8.7 No broadcasting, photographing, video or sound recording or any transmission of proceedings from a meeting will be permitted where the Press and Public have been excluded as permitted under the Access to Information provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 or any subsequent amendment.

9. Minutes

- 9.1 Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Joint Committee shall be drawn up and entered into a book kept for that purpose and shall be signed at the next meeting of the Joint Committee by the Member presiding, and any minute purporting to be so signed shall be received in evidence without further proof.
- 9.2 Notwithstanding anything in any enactment or rule of law to the contrary, the minutes of the proceedings of meetings of the Joint Committee may be recorded and distributed in electronic form.
- 9.3 The Chairman shall move "That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on...be signed as a correct record". If the accuracy is not questioned the Chairman shall sign the minutes.

10. Rules of Debate

The Rules of Debate of the Lead Authority shall apply to this Joint Committee

11. Voting

- 11.1 The mode of voting at meetings of the Joint Committee shall be by show of hands.

- 11.2 The Chairman will not have a casting vote. In the event of an equality of votes of the voting members of the Joint Committee, who are present at the meeting in question on any proposal before the Joint Committee at that meeting, the Chairman shall declare that the proposal is not carried.

12. Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters

12.1 (a) Every Member of the Joint Committee shall at all times comply with the principles specified in law, including those specified by the Secretary of State under Section 49 of the Local Government Act 2000, which are to govern their conduct.

(b) Any Member of the Joint Committee who has an interest as defined in the Members' Code of Conduct of his or her Council shall comply with the requirements of that Code as regards the disclosure of that interest and as regards withdrawing from participation in consequence of that interest.

- 12.2 The Secretary to the Joint Committee shall keep a record of particulars of any disclosures by members which shall be open during normal office hours for public inspection.

13. Expression of Dissent

No expression of dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the Joint Committee. Any two members may demand that a named vote be taken.

14. Disturbance at Meetings

- 14.1 If a member of the public interrupts the proceedings of any meeting the Chairman shall warn that person. If the interruption continues the Chairman shall order the person's removal from the meeting room.

- 14.2 In the case of general disturbance in any part of the meeting room open to the public the Chairman shall order that part to be cleared.

- 14.3 If a member of the Joint Committee in the opinion of the Chairman behaves improperly or offensively or deliberately obstructs business the Chairman shall warn that person. If the member continues to behave improperly the Chairman or any member may move that either the member leave the meeting or that the meeting is adjourned for a specified period.

15. Variation and Revocation of Standing Orders

Any addition, variation or revocation of these Standing Orders shall when proposed and seconded stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Joint Committee, provided that this standing order shall not apply to any review of standing orders at the annual meetings of the

Joint Committee. Any such addition, variation or revocation shall be first referred to each Authority for their approval.

16. Suspension of Standing Orders

Any standing order may be suspended for all or part of the business of a meeting of the Joint Committee at which suspension is moved. Such a motion cannot be moved unless a quorum is present nor can such a motion be moved if the effect of the suspension would conflict with the terms of any agreement entered into by the Authorities.

17. Rescission of Previous Resolutions

No motion to rescind any resolution passed within the preceding six months nor any motion to the same effect as any motion negative within the preceding six months shall be in order unless the notice of such motion shall have been given and specified in the summons and the notice shall bear, in addition to the name of the member who proposed the motion, the name of three members. When any such motion has been disposed of by the Joint Committee it shall not be open to any member to propose a similar motion within a further period of three months

18. Meetings Open to the Public and Confidential Items

18.1 Meetings of the Joint Committee will be open to the public except to the extent that they are excluded under standing order 18.2

18.2 The public may be excluded from a meeting of the Joint Committee during an item of business whenever it is likely, in the view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that, if members of the public were present during the item, confidential information as defined in section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 as defined in section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

19 Call In Procedures

19.1 Any partner Authority shall be entitled to Call In a decision of the Joint Committee in accordance with the Call In Procedures of the Authority who wishes to call in.

19.2 If any decision of the Joint Committee is subject to call in by an Authority, the Joint Committee shall take no action to implement that decision unless the call in process upholds the decision.

20. Delegations

The Joint Committee may delegate a function to an officer of the Officers Working Group or the AONB team, which may include delegations in respect of certain general planning consultations.