



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

Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Held on:	13th February 2015
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Title:	To receive the draft Management Plan for the AONB and to resolve to consult externally

1. What is the report about?

The Report is about adopting the draft management Plan for the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB

2. What is the reason for making this report?

Agreement is required to consult the externally on the on the Draft Plan.

3. What are the Recommendations?

That the JC endorse the Draft Management Plan and approve it for public consultation.

4. Report details.

The Draft Management Plan is a review of the 2009 Management Plan for the Clwydian Range AONB but incorporates the area of the Dee Valley designated as AONB in 2011. It has been prepared following consultation with key partners and stakeholders. The management planning process has included consultation workshops covering the Natural Environment, Historic Environment, Access and Tourism and Planning and Development and has engaged both professional and interested bodies in the process

The plan identifies the Special Qualities and Features of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley and sets out a series of Policies for sustainable development within the context of natural beauty. It recognises the benefits that the special character of the landscape contributes to the communities and economies both inside and outside of the AONB.

Through the State of the AONB Report it makes an assessment of the key issues and factors impacting on the special character of the AONB and includes a 5 year

Action Plan that works towards ensuring that the AONB can continue to deliver key services that contribute to economic, social and cultural wellbeing.

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

The draft management Plan will replace the current plan which was due for Review in 2014. It will set the agenda for the AONB until 2019.

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

The delivery of the Management Plan will be met within existing budget arrangements

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.

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

The plan has been prepared following key stakeholder workshops with specialist and interest groups.

An earlier draft of the plan was approved by the Interim Joint Advisory Committee December 2014.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

"As stated above the Management Plan will be delivered within existing budgets and will also help secure existing external funding levels which form part of the proposed AONB budget."

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

There is a Statutory Duty on the Local Authorities to produce a Management Plan for the AONB

Financial - Failing to adopt a Plan may put external funding from Welsh Government and Natural Resources Wales in jeopardy.

Reputational - There is reputational risk in not adopting a plan and failing to fulfil the statutory to do so.

11. Power to make the Decision

The countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 places a duty on Local Authorities to produce a Management Plan for AONBs within their boundary.

The Joint Committee established under Section 101(5) of the Local Government Act of 1972 and the Local Government Act 2000 has the power to act on behalf of the 3 Authorities of Denbighshire Flintshire and Wrexham in discharging this duty.