



**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: 27th November 2015

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Title: Scheme of Delegation for Planning and Development Consultations

1. What is the report about?

One of the functions of the Joint Committee for the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB (JC) is to respond to planning and development consultations referred to the AONB for comment. Most consultations relate to proposals within the AONB, but also include those outside the designated area which are within the setting of the protected landscape and may impact on the AONB.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

The report enables the Joint Committee to respond in a timely, effective and efficient manner to planning consultations, from the constituent authorities.

3. What are the Recommendations?

That Joint Committee adopt the Scheme of Delegation for Planning and Development Consultations.(Appendix1)

4. Report details.

See attached Appendix 1 for Scheme of Delegation for Planning and Development Consultations.

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

The Scheme of Delegation for Planning and Development Consultations sets a framework for the AONB to increase the number of Planning Consultations it contributes to.

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

There is a zero cost other than officer time

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.

N/A

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

The AONB Officer has consulted the Legal department of Denbighshire to check that AONB Officers are meeting and following the correct legal procedures.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement.

There are no additional costs directly associated with this project

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

The AONB Planning Officer currently receives over 150 applications each year; this has increased by 50% since the AONB was extended to the Dee Valley. However the AONB Planning Officer still only works 2 days per week. Unless there is more delegation we cannot respond in a timely manner to some planning and development proposals.

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'