



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

Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Held on:	27th November 2015
Lead Member / Officer:	David Shiel
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Title:	AONB Management Plan consultation

1. What is the report about?

Consultation on the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB Management Plan

2. What is the reason for making this report?

A decision is required to formally adopt the AONB Management Plan

3. What are the Recommendations?

Recommendation – that the Joint Committee formally adopts the AONB Management Plan 2014 – 2019.

4. Report details.

Consultation period for the AONB Management closed in August 2015. The Management Plan has been amended where appropriate in line with responses received. The Consultation Report is attached.

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

The Local Authorities have a statutory Duty under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to produce a Management Plan and to review it every 5 years. The Plan sets out an agenda for the management of the AONB in line with identified Special Qualities and Features. The Plan is made up of

Management Strategy
State of AONB Report
5 Year Action Plan

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

£2500 has been allocated within existing budgets to publish the final Plan

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 Draft Plan was considered by the AONB Partnership at their 15th May 2015 Meeting.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

Resources have been identified to publish the plan within the overall budget. Expenditure will be monitored and any variances will be reported through the budget monitoring process

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

There is reputational risk to the AONB and the Local Authorities with a failure to publish the Statutory Management Plan. Funding from NRW / Welsh Government could be withdrawn.

11. Power to make the Decision

Section 101(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Government Act 2000 gives Local Authorities the power to enter into to discharge functions jointly with one or more other local authorities by means of a Joint Committee.