



**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: 10am 22nd June 2018 County Hall Ruthin

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Title: Item 7 AONB Annual Report

1. What is the report about?

The Annual Report highlights some of the activity undertaken by the AONB Team and its Partners. Highlights carried out by the Ranger Team that are best visualised by a Power Point Presentation are to be reported as item 8 on this agenda.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

The annual report is part of the Legal Agreement

3. What are the Recommendations?

That the Joint Committee scrutinise and endorse the Annual Report

4. Report details.

See attached appendix 1 for Annual Report.

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

The Annual Report is an example of the major areas of work undertaken by the Joint Committee, AONB Partnership, AONB Team and internal and external Partners. It shows that the AONB is on track in delivering the AONB Management Plan.

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

The costs are in time only and have been absorbed

7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?

The report is on work already completed April 2017- March 2018 and does not have an impact going forward therefore it is not necessary to carry out an impact assessment. The Annual Report does note where each work area corresponds to the Well-being Goals.

However it is concluded that the work carried out has had a positive impact in the following areas:

A prosperous AONB **Positive** bringing monies into the area through NRW, WG and HLF

A more resilient AONB **Positive** via Species Monitoring Whitebeam, Black Grouse, Curlew, Reptiles and butterflies and SP Energy Network undergrounding.

A healthier AONB **Positive** via Volunteering, Young Rangers, Corwen Community

A more equal AONB **Positive** via JC and Partnership, Annual AONB Town, Community and AONB LA Members Meeting and AONB Annual Forum

An AONB of cohesive communities **Positive** via AONB Community Champions

An AONB of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language **Positive** Corwen Project

A globally responsible AONB **Positive** local contribution Corwen hydro

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

The AONB Partnership and Natural Resources Wales have received the report.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

As the report is retrospective that there are no additional costs directly associated with this report. However I can confirm that the wide ranging activities detailed in the report have been carried out within existing council resources and that there continues to be good financial management in this area

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

Reputation- Reporting is a key element in the management of the AONB

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'