

<b>Report to</b>	Councillor Tony Thomas, Lead Member for Housing and Communities
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<b>Title</b>	Appointment of AONB Partnership Representative

## 1. What is the report about?

1.1. This report seeks approval for the appointment of a replacement councillor to the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership

## 2. What is the reason for making this report?

2.1. Denbighshire is entitled to 3 councillor representatives on the AONB Partnership. The current membership comprises; Councillors Martyn Holland, Huw Jones and Christine Marston with Councillor Merfyn Parry as a substitute member. A replacement representative is required for the Late Councillor Huw Jones. This report makes the recommendation on that appointment for the lead member to make a decision

## 3. What are the Recommendations?

3.1. It is recommended that the Lead Member for Housing, Regulation and the Environment:

3.2. Appoints Councillor Graham Timms as a replacement member of the AONB Partnership for the Late Councillor Huw Jones and

3.3. Confirms that the term of these appointments will be for the term of the current Council unless a replacement appointment or appointments are made.

## **4. Report details**

4.1. The Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB covers parts of Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham and the three local authorities have entered into a legal agreement to manage the AONB. The AONB has an executive Joint Committee comprised of two executive members from each of the 3 local authorities, with Councillors Bobby Feeley and Tony Thomas being Denbighshire's representatives. The Joint Committee established the AONB Partnership with a membership of 3 elected member representatives plus a substitute from each of the 3 authorities.

4.2. The AONB Partnership Committee has two current Denbighshire County Council Representatives – Councillors Martyn Holland and Christine Marston – and one substitute representative, Councillor Merfyn Parry.

4.3. The AONB Partnership Committee are looking for a replacement representative for the late Councillor Huw Jones.

4.4. It is important that Denbighshire County Council seeks strategic representation of the County on the AONB Partnership Committee. The current two members Councillor Martyn Holland and Councillor Christine Marston represent the central region of the AONB and the northern region respectively. It is therefore imperative that the member coming on to the AONB Partnership is representative of the southern region of the AONB.

## **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?**

5.1. The decision supports the Corporate priority of seeking to provide an attractive and protected environment.

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

6.1. There are no obvious costs or effect on other services arising from this report other than the payment of members' travel costs whilst they are undertaking duties on behalf of the Partnership. Support for the AONB Partnership is provided by Countryside Services from within existing budgets

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

7.1 This appointment does not require a Well-being Impact Assessment.

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

8.1 The mandatory delegated decision officer group and the Lead Member have been consulted on the contents of this report

## **9 Chief Finance Officer Statement**

9.1 'There are no financial implications arising from the report but if any arise they will be financed from existing AONB Partnership revenue budgets.'

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

10.1 No particular risks have been identified from this appointment process. As lead authority for the AONB Denbighshire would be expected to appoint members to the Partnership.

## **11. Power to make the decision**

11.1 In accordance with powers delegated to the Lead Member as per Appendix 2(b) to Section 13 of the Council's Constitution.

11.2 The governing Joint Committee which established the Partnership was formed under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 (which allows local authorities

to enter arrangements to discharge functions jointly with one or more other local authority by means of a joint committee).