

**Appendix 2 – Extract from minutes Communities Scrutiny Committee
(10/03/22) item 5**

REVIEW OF CABINET DECISION RELATING TO THE PROPOSES SCHEME OF DELEGATED DECISION MAKING FOR LAND ACQUISITION (FREEHOLD AND LEASEHOLD) FOR CARBON SEQUESTRATION AND ECOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENT PURPOSES

Following an in-depth discussion, the Committee having considered all the information presented to it, unanimously:

Resolved: to seek Cabinet at its next appropriate meeting to reconsider its original decision relating to the ‘Proposed Scheme of Delegated Decision Making for Land Acquisition (Freehold and Leasehold) for Carbon Sequestration and Ecological Improvement Purposes. With a view to expediting the decision-making process for purchasing land -

- (i) that prior to reviewing its decision Cabinet should work with the Farming Unions and the Federation of Young Farmers Clubs to seek comprehensive responses from those organisations in relation to the Proposed Scheme;
- (ii) that Cabinet amend the wording within the Proposed Scheme of Delegated Decision Making (and any associated documentation) as it relates to liaising with local councillors and Member Area Groups (MAGs) to read ‘consult/consultation’ rather than ‘notify/notification’;
- (iii) that at the appropriate time a review is undertaken of staffing resources within the Council’s Countryside Service to ensure that it has sufficient capacity to deal with the additional duties that will be placed on the Service in future in connection with carbon sequestration and ecological improvement work; and
- (iv) that detailed information on agricultural land grading in Denbighshire (including illustrative maps) are provided to the decision-maker when reviewing the decision.