

TECHNICAL OFFICERS'
WORKING PARTY REPORT

WYE VALLEY AONB
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
5th March 2018

AONB GOOD GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Purpose

To receive verbal feedback on the outcome of the recent Task Group with Swansea City Council and Gower AONB Partnership on the review of the 'Principles of Good Governance for Designated Landscapes'.

Recommendations

That the JAC welcomes the outcomes of the Task Group meeting of 1st March 2018 and considers any recommendations to be formally presented to the next meeting.

Key Issues

- The JAC agreed to establish a joint Task Group with Swansea City Council, the lead authority for Gower AONB Partnership, to review the 'Principles of Good Governance for Designated Landscapes' as outlined in *Future Landscapes: Delivering for Wales*.
- The Task Group met on Thursday 1st March at the Wye Valley AONB Office.
- The members of the Task Group will verbally feedback the findings and any recommendations of the meeting.
- Any formal recommendations will be reported back to the next JAC for consideration.

Reasons

At the last meeting the JAC agreed to proceed with a joint initiative between the Wye Valley AONB and Gower AONB Partnerships to undertake a detailed review of current governance processes and structures against the 'Principles of Good Governance for Designated Landscapes' as outlined in *Future Landscapes: Delivering for Wales* and make recommendations for change to their respective partnerships. This demonstrates good collaboration between AONB partnerships in line with the Future Landscapes Wales (FLW) programme, including some peer-review scrutiny through the additional engagement with the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB Partnership.

Implications

A small Task and Finish group has been established with 3 members from each AONB Partnership, supported and facilitated by both AONB lead officers. The Wye Valley AONB Partnership members are:

Cllr Phil Cutter	JAC (Chair) / Herefordshire Council
Chris Barron	JAC / Wye Valley Society
David Broadbent	JAC / Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Tourism
Andrew Blake	AONB Manager

The inaugural meeting of the Task Group was at the Wye Valley AONB office, Hadnock Road, Monmouth on Thursday 1st March 2018. The Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB lead officer also attended and advised.

The group met and received presentations on the different governance arrangements and structures for the three AONBs. They then discussed the Future Landscapes Wales Governance Principles and considered how they may be applied to the existing governance arrangements for Gower AONB Partnership and Wye Valley AONB Partnership.

The group may determine to meet a second or third time if necessary. A second meeting would be hosted in Swansea.

Any recommendations for change will be formally presented to a subsequent JAC for consideration.

Background

The ‘Principles of Good Governance for Designated Landscapes’ as outlined in *Future Landscapes: Delivering for Wales* report are:

(see page 11. Table 1. <http://gov.wales/docs/desh/publications/170508-future-landscapes-delivering-for-wales-en.pdf>)

Legitimacy, participation and voice	• Acceptance in society
	• Representation and participation
	• Active dialogue and consensus
	• Subsidiarity
Developing and implementing a strategic vision for the area	• Inspiring and consistent vision
	• Consistent with national outcomes
	• Reflect obligations
	• Adaptive management and innovation
Effective performance management	• Management effectiveness
	• Learning culture, skills and knowledge
	• Advocacy and outreach
	• Acknowledging and addressing weakness or poor performance
	• Efficient use of financial resources
Accountability and transparency	• Integrity and commitment
	• Decision making and reporting
	• Allocation of resources
	• Communication
Fairness and rights	• Ethical and fair decision making
	• Impartial and without discrimination
	• Respectful of language and culture
	• Respect rights
	• Active engagement