

PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on 11 June 2025

PRESENT:	Councillor Ieuan Williams (Chair) Councillor Ken Taylor (Vice-Chair) Councillors Kenneth Hughes, John Ifan Jones, R LI Jones, Pip O'Neill and Nicola Roberts
IN ATTENDANCE:	Head of Democracy (for item 1 only), Chief Planning Officer (DFJ), Planning Policy Manager (JIW), Planning Policy Team Leader (LFW), Committee Officer (MEH), Support Assistant – Democratic Services (CH).
APOLOGIES:	Councillors Jackie Lewis, Llio Angharad Owen and Robin Williams
ALSO PRESENT:	None

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Councillor Ieuan Williams was re-elected Chair of the Planning Policy Committee.

2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Councillor Ken Taylor was re-elected Vice-Chair of the Planning Policy Committee.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received.

4 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 May, 2025 were confirmed as correct.

5 INTEGRATED SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL (ISA) AND HABITATS' REGULATIONS ASSESSMENT (HRA) SCOPING REPORTS

Submitted – a report by the Head of Regulation and Economic Development in relation to the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) and Habitats' Regulations Assessment (HRA) Scoping Reports.

The Planning Policy Manager reported that the statutory requirements relating to ISA and HRA applicable to the Local Development Plan refers to assessing the impacts of spatial and policy choices together with the statutory processes for both ISA and HRA. The scoping reports provide a foundation for assessing the potential impacts of policy choices contained in the Local Development Plan. Given their technical and specialist content, consultation with statutory consultees i.e. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and CADW is

mandatory to ensure that the scope of assessments will adequately address the potential impacts of policy choices. However, best practice advises consulting with general consultees and the wider public to ensure community and stakeholder involvement at each stage of the plan preparation process. He further noted that a consultation process of 5 weeks will be undertaken on both documents in-line with the statutory requirements.

Councillor John Ifan Jones ascertained whether consultation needs to be undertaken with the Nature Conservation Offshore Committee. The Planning Policy Manager responded that offshore legislation is the responsibility of other statutory bodies. He noted that NRW and CADW are the statutory consultees within the Local Development Plan Manual.

Councillor Pip O'Neill said that it is accepted that NRW and CADW are the statutory consultees, but he ascertained whether the wider public opinions are considered within the consultation process. The Planning Policy Manager responded that every response received during the consultation process will be considered. He noted that following the 5-week consultation process a report will be prepared and consideration will be given to all the responses received.

Councillor Kenneth Hughes ascertained whether all responses received will be considered and noted or will comments made that they do not adhere to Planning Policy Wales. The Planning Policy Manager responded that all comments will be listed and responded to.

Councillor Robert LI Jones said that the Well-being & Futures Generations Act should be considered whilst preparing the Local Development Plan. The Planning Policy Manager responded that each Authority must respond to their specific Local Development Plan in accordance with guidelines.

It was RESOLVED:-

- **To accept the ISA and HRA scoping reports, and**
- **To acknowledge the statutory consultation requirements and agree to consult on both documents over a 5-week period inline with statutory requirements and best practice advise.**

6 YNYS MÔN AND GWYNEDD JLDP - UPDATE ON PREPARATION OF ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT

Submitted – for information, a report by the Head of Regulation and Economic Development.

The Planning Policy Manager reported that Sub-section 76 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that Local Planning Authorities produce an Annual Monitoring Report for their Local Development Plan. The current development plan that is effective on Anglesey is the Ynys Môn and Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan effective from 2017 to 2026. The Planning Policy Team has undertaken a series of site visits to ascertain the number of units that had either been commenced, were under construction or had been completed which is an important evidence base to be included within the Local Development Plan. Once the data has been inputted, extracted and analysed the formal report for submission to Welsh Government can be compiled and reported to the Planning Policy Committee prior to submission to Welsh Government.

It was RESOLVED to note the report and that the formal Annual Monitoring Report will be submitted to the Committee for formal endorsement prior to its submission to Welsh Government by 31 October, 2025.

The meeting concluded at 11.35 am

COUNCILLOR IEUAN WILLIAMS
CHAIR