

| ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL | |
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| Report to: | Executive Full Council |
| Date: | 30/11/2015 09/12/2015 |
| Subject: | Adoption of the AONB Management Plan (review) |
| Portfolio Holder(s): | Cllr Richard Dew |
| Head of Service: | Mr Jim Woodcock |
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| Local Members: | |

| A –Recommendation/s and reason/s |
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| To adopt the reviewed management plan as required under the Countryside and Rights Way Act 2000 |

| B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option? |
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| The AONB management plan is a statutory requirement under the Countryside and Rights Way Act 2000 and guidance on the review of the management plan has been prepared by natural Resources Wales |

| C – Why is this a decision for the Executive? |
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| This is a statutory plan requires the Executive’s view prior to the report being presented to full Council |

| CH – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council? |
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| Yes - The management plan was originally adopted in 2004 by Full Council. As part of the requirements of the CRoW ACT 2000 it is necessary to review the plan every 5 years so that it links to current plans, policies and acts. This therefore is the second review of a plan that has already been adopted by full council. |

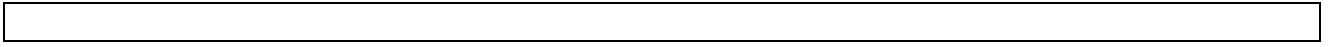
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| D – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council? |
| Yes – 75% of the costs have been covered by the AONB grant from Natural Resources Wales |

| DD – Who did you consult? | | What did they say? |
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| 1 | Chief Executive / Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) (mandatory) | |
| 2 | Finance / Section 151 (mandatory) | |
| 3 | Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory) | |
| 4 | Human Resources (HR) | N/A |
| 5 | Property | N/A |
| 6 | Information Communication Technology (ICT) | N/A |
| 7 | Scrutiny | N/A |
| 8 | Local Members | Yes as part of the statutory 6 week consultation period all members were informed |
| 9 | Any external bodies / other/s | General Public as part of the statutory 6 week consultation period |

| E – Risks and any mitigation (if relevant) | | |
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| 1 | Economic | None |
| 2 | Anti-poverty | None |
| 3 | Crime and Disorder | None |
| 4 | Environmental | None |
| 5 | Equalities | None |
| 6 | Outcome Agreements | None |
| 7 | Other | |

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| F - Appendices: |
| See Executive Summary of plan attached |

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| FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information): |
| The plan document is too large to send but can be viewed on the attached link http://www.anglesey.gov.uk/planning-and-waste/countryside/areas-of-outstanding-natural-beauty-aonbs/anglesey-aonb-management-plan/ |



Executive Summary

The Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000 was an important development for all those concerned with the management of AONB's. As a result of the Act, all Local Authorities which administer AONB's now have a statutory responsibility to prepare, publish and review a management plan for their area every 5 years.

The Isle of Anglesey AONB Management Plan evaluates and determines what the special qualities of the AONB are, then determines what actions are required to ensure that these qualities are conserved and enhanced for future generations.

The administration of the AONB is overseen by a Joint Advisory Committee (JAC). This committee consists of elected members and co-opted representatives of organisations who wish to participate in the work of promoting and protecting the AONB

Previous plans have identified the 4 stages of the plan development with the key stage being the last which requires the monitoring and review of the management plan process over 5 year periods. It is with this in mind that the current 2009/14 management plan is being reviewed and the action plan evaluated. This will allow us to identify and measure the changes that have occurred during the plan period

Guidance on the review of AONB management plans was produced in 2009 by the Countryside Council for Wales (CCW). This guidance took account of a range of issues which are or could impact on the AONB such as Climate Change. Since then the three environmental public bodies in Wales, CCW, Forestry Commission Wales and Environment Agency Wales, have been amalgamated into Natural Resources Wales (NRW).

The main purpose of NRW is to ensure that the natural resources of Wales are sustainably maintained, enhanced and used, now and in the future. As such the Management Plan will need to take account of the natural resources within and outside its boundaries and understand how using an ecosystem approach can better manage the natural resources of the AONB.

As previously mentioned Natural Resource Management is now a major consideration during the development of the Management Plan and is touched upon throughout. Natural resource management is about managing our natural environment in a joined up way that delivers real outcomes for the environment, people, the economy and our communities both in the AONB and adjacent to it. It seeks to establish a common approach to decision making about our natural resources and how they are managed and should work at all levels from central Government through to landowners.

The natural resource management process will provide a framework for decision making that identifies opportunities to better achieve long term outcomes by taking account of environmental limits and environmental opportunities. Evidence, carrying capacity and a better understanding of the long term impacts will also help the decision making process as will input from communities and young people.