

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Report to:	Executive and Full Council
Date:	14 February 2023
Subject:	Establishing a new Planning Policy Committee for the Isle of Anglesey County Council.
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Local Members:	

A –Recommendation/s and reason/s
<p>The purpose of this report is to put in place governance arrangements for the planning policy work of Anglesey County Council.</p> <p>It is recommended that the Executive agrees these recommendations to the full Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish a new Planning Policy Committee for Anglesey County Council. 2. Amend the Constitution to dissolve the Joint Planning Policy Committee and delegate powers to the Monitoring Officer to implement these changes. <p>Background: A decision was made by Anglesey County Council and Cyngor Gwynedd to terminate the collaboration agreement on planning policy issues on 31 March 2023.</p> <p>This means that the existing Joint Planning Policy Committee will have to be dissolved and new arrangements will need to be made by the respective authorities to contribute towards the creation of a new Local Development Plan and associated planning policy work.</p> <p>The intention, therefore, is to create a “Planning Policy Committee” (the Committee) for Anglesey County Council.</p> <p>The Committee will have the same functions as the Joint Committee, namely:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To be responsible for preparing and offering advice on the Local Development Plan before it is presented to Council.

2. To present a delivery agreement for the preparation of the Local Development Plan to be agreed by the Council.
3. To accept the Annual Monitoring Report for the Local Development Plan and offer advice before it is presented to council.
4. To accept the Annual Monitoring Report for the Joint Local Development Plant (until 2026) and offer advice before it is presented to Council.
5. To adopt Supplementary Planning Guidance for the Local Development Plan.
6. To be responsible for reviewing the Local Development Plant to be agreed by the Council.
7. To accept and offer advice on the draft levy charge list for public examination and on the Inspector's recommendations before it is submitted to the Executive for a decision.
8. To accept and agree on an annual report regarding governance and funding procedures.
9. To appoint any panel or working group in order to assist the Committee to execute its functions.

Committee Membership:

11 members with political balance. Subject to the rules on political balance.

The quorum will be at least half of the committee's membership rounded off to the nearest whole number (which is 5).

Voting Rights:

Only appropriately appointed members of the Committee will have voting rights and they will be referred to as "Planning Policy Committee Members".

Those appointed to sit on the Committee will not be able to appoint a delegate.

Committee Meetings

The committee will operate in line with the Council's standing orders.

Please note that the Service is currently recruiting a new Planning Policy Team following the decision to terminate the existing collaboration arrangements with Cyngor Gwynedd.

The Services recognizes the need to ensure that it has sufficient capacity to undertake its planning policy duties effectively. The operation and administration of the Committee will be dependant therefore on the continuous recruitment processes having a a successful outcome.

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B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?

The Executive has already agreed to terminate the collaboration on policy planning issues (July 2022), to dissolve the existing Joint Planning Policy Committee and to have separate arrangements for the respective authorities.

There is no option other than to set up a new Planning Policy Committee to deliver and decide on matters as part of the process of preparing and implementing a local development plan.

C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?

Considering the strategic and operational implications of the decision it is crucial that the Executive approves the recommendations and it is a Constitutional requirement that the Executive is a consultant on the recommendation that the full Council establishes the Committee on these terms which will mean changes to the Constitution.

CH – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?

The Council’s Executive decided to establish a Joint Planning Policy Unit in June 2010.

The Executive agreed to terminate the collaboration on policy planning issues (July 2022), to dissolve the existing Joint Planning Policy Committee and to have separate arrangements for the respective authorities.

D – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?

The Service already has a budget for undertaking its planning policy duties.

E – Impact on our Future Generations(if relevant)

1	How does this decision impact on our long term needs as an Island	The creation of a new Planning Policy Team means that Anglesey will have 100% ownership of planning issues, and will allow the Council to concentrate on the needs of
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		residents within Anglesey's planning authority. Having a Planning Policy Committee will ensure that appropriate governance arrangements are in place for the above.
2	Is this a decision which it is envisaged will prevent future costs / dependencies on the Authority. If so, how:-	No additional costs are foreseen.
3	Have we been working collaboratively with other organisations to come to this decision, if so, please advise whom:	N/A
4	Have Anglesey citizens played a part in drafting this way forward? Please explain how:-	The governance arrangements for planning policy issues is a matter for the Council.
5	Outline what impact does this decision have on the Equalities agenda and the Welsh language	N/A

DD – Who did you consult?		What did they say?
1	Chief Executive / Senior Leadership Team (SLT) (mandatory)	The need to note the continuous recruitment process to establish the new Planning Policy Team.
2	Finance / Section 151 (mandatory)	
3	Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory)	
4	Human Resources (HR)	
5	Property	
6	Information Communication Technology (ICT)	
7	Procurement	
8	Scrutiny	
9	Local Members	

F - Appendices:

FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further
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