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## **JOINT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PANEL**

Minutes of Panel meeting held on **26 June 2015**  
Committee Room 1, Llangefni

### **Present:**

#### **Gwynedd Council**

Cllr. Gwen Griffith  
Cllr. John Brynmor Hughes  
Cllr. Dyfrig Jones  
Cllr. Dafydd Meurig  
Cllr. John Pughe Roberts  
Cllr. John Wyn Williams  
Cllr. Owain Williams

#### **Isle of Anglesey County Council**

Cllr. Lewis Davies  
Cllr. Richard Dew  
Cllr. Ann Griffith  
Cllr. Victor Hughes

#### **Officers:**

Rhun ap Gareth	Senior Solicitor (GC)
Gareth Jones	Planning, Environmental & Public Protection (interim) Manager (GC)
Nia Davies	Manager - JPPU
Eirian Harris	Planning Support Assistant - JPPU
Jim Woodcock	Head of Planning & Public Protection

### **Apologies:**

Cllr. John Arwel Roberts  
Cllr. Nicola Roberts

**1) APOLOGIES**

As noted above.

**2) DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**3) URGENT MATTER**

No urgent matters were presented.

**4) JOINT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – FEEDBACK, NEXT STEPS AND TIMETABLE**

A report was presented by Nia Davies giving feedback, next steps and the timetable. Information was given regarding the public consultation on the Deposit Plan; number of representations received and types of issues raised.

It was explained that upon completing registration of all representations, correspondence will be sent to all individuals, groups and organisations that made representations. Following this, a summary of each individual representation will be produced which will be available for public inspection.

Also, the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the newsletter will be published giving information about the public consultation of the Deposit Plan and an overview of the timetable for the next steps to be taken.

In line with the Local Development Plan Regulations, prior to submission of the Deposit to the Welsh Government, the Councils are required to consider changes in response to any submitted representations.

Reference was made to guidance published by the Welsh Government and the Planning Inspectorate regarding the process of considering representations about deposit plans. It is noted that small editorial changes or minor changes that give clearer understanding and consistency of the Deposit Plan can be made. Also, reference is made for the need to be certain whether more significant changes are needed (focussed changes) and only a limited number of these should be made. The report recognises a series of matters that need consideration whilst assessing representations.

It is noted the intention to present reports on the issues listed in 5.2 – i) – vii) to the Panel between July and December 2015, in order to facilitate discussion before decisions are made about how to deal with them in the Plan.

The next steps were outlined as shown in the report and the timetable to complete the Plan.

Points arising:

- The Joint Planning Policy Unit was congratulated on the work on the Plan.
- An enquiry was made as to the proportion of representation that queried the housing figure.
- It was asked whether consideration can be given to the Regional Development Plan, due to be published in July, because of obligations to rural enterprise regarding availability of financial sources.
- Concern was expressed about small rural businesses are being moved onto industrial estates – the need for small rural businesses was expressed.
- It was agreed that careful consideration needs to be given to representations received during the consultation period and training sessions were requested. This would improve the

Members' understanding of the measures that could be taken in response to representations.

- It was enquired whether the 'Planning Bill (Wales)' would affect the Plan preparation.
- Reference was made to submitted representations regarding the effect the Plan on the Welsh language. It was noted that TAN20 no longer allows local authorities to request language impact in all cases. Therefore, the Plan's supports of the Welsh language must be ensured.
- It was asked whether a report on solar farms would be presented to the Panel – there have been a number of applications submitted in Anglesey.

Responses:

- It was explained that the proportion of representations received regarding the Plan's housing figure was not high. It was agreed that a table would be prepared to demonstrate the number of representations received for each part of the Plan.
- In response to the enquiry regarding agricultural policies, it was explained that a number of policies are in place to deal with this matter. It was noted that consideration will be given to NFU's comments and that any new relevant information would be considered.
- Regarding small businesses, it was explained that current policies exist that support rural small businesses.
- It was agreed to arrange an 'Awareness session' prior to discussions about topics within the Plan.
- Confirmation was given that the 'Planning Bill (Wales)' would not affect the Plan's preparation.
- The comment received about ensuring that the Plan supports the Welsh language was noted.
- It was agreed to explore if representations were received about the solar farm policy and to report our findings and any new information available on this issue.

## **5) DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at Glyder Fawr, Caernarfon.