



JOINT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Joint Local Development Plan Panel

27 January 2017

Hywel Dda Chambers, Caernarfon

Present: Isle of Anglesey County Council

Cllr. Richard Dew
Cllr. John Griffith
Cllr. Lewis Davies
Cllr. Victor Hughes
Cllr. Kenneth P. Hughes

Gwynedd Council

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

Officers:

Nia Haf Davies	Manager - JPPU
Gareth Jones	Senior Manager, Planning Service, Environment and Public Protection (GC)
Dylan Williams	Head of Regulatory and Economic Development (IOACC)
Christian Branch	Service Business Manager, Regulation & Economic Development (IOACC)
Eirian Harris	Planning Support Assistant – JPPU

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were accepted.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. URGENT ITEMS

No urgent items were submitted.

4. MINUTES

It was confirmed that the minutes of the Panel held on 18 November 2016 were correct.

5. JOINT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – UPDATE

The Latest Situation

It was confirmed that all of the Action Points have been addressed, details of which can be found on the Councils' website.

As a result of the Public Hearings a series of proposed changes have been identified. A Schedule of these changes, which are known as Matters Arising Changes, is subject to public consultation from 26 January 2017 to 9 March 2017. This consultation was requested by the Inspector in order to ensure that all who have an interest in the Plan are aware of potential changes and to provide an opportunity to comment. Copies of the documents can be found on both Councils' websites, libraries in the Plan Area and in each Council's offices.

Next Steps:

- Comments submitted about the Matters Arising Changes sent to the Inspector
- JPPU will prepare a report that will present views about the comments 2 weeks from end of consultation period
- It was explained that additional hearings could be required if the Inspector considered they are required.
- The Inspector to submit a binding report for 'fact checking'
- On the basis of the above, a copy of the final report, which will include binding recommendations, will be provided by end of June 2017, which will be considered by both Authorities

6. REVIEW OF THE JOINT PLANNING POLICY SERVICE

The report about a review of the Joint Planning Policy Service was presented by Christian Branch. The report outlined the purpose of the review, gave background information on the functions of the JPPU and its governance, and made a series of recommendations.

The recommendations are as follows:

- A re-definition of the purpose and role of the JPPU following the adoption of the JLDP to reflect the needs and expectations of the IACC and GC.
- Establishing a clear, specific and outcome orientated work programme for the JPPU post the adoption of the JLDP and securing sufficient resources (in a period of savings / efficiencies).
- Strengthening the overall governance and shared ownership of the JPPU in both Councils – including refining the role of the Joint Planning Policy Committee and the Joint Planning Policy Panel.
- Reviewing and establishing the most effective office location for the JPPU in order to better integrate the Unit and its Officers with the planning services of both Councils (and their respective business systems and working practices) and potentially reduce overheads and costs.
- Improving current management arrangements and influence in relation to financial planning and reporting, HR issues, the monitoring of performance and the prioritisation of work / activities.
- Encouraging more effective communication and engagement with internal and external stakeholder to improve the JPPU's profile and visibility and ensure acknowledgement of the Unit's duties, achievements and added value.

- Improving the profile and awareness of the JPPU, capabilities, knowledge and expertise with both Councils.
- Defining the role of the JPPU in addressing the specific requirements for the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.

Comments received:

- The recommendations were supported, which ensured the continuation of the JPPU.
- Given the skills that had been developed within the JPPU it was considered that careful consideration would be needed regarding how / where to apply future efficiency savings.
- It was suggested that the potential for income generation could be explored in order to take advantage of specialist skills within the JPPU and that there may be potential in developing specialist skills, for example, relating to assessing the impact of development on the Welsh Language, in order to ensure that the Councils provide the best service to communities.

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