



Report of the Head of Democratic Services

Gower AONB Partnership Steering Group – 15 March 2021

Election of Non-Councillor Steering Group Members

Purpose:	This report discusses the options available to the Steering Group in respect of the forthcoming election of non-Councillor Steering Group Members.
Policy Framework:	None.
Consultation:	Legal, Finance, Access to Services.
Recommendation:	It is recommended that: 1) The term of office of non-Councillor Steering Group Members be extended by 1 year and their election be deferred to the 2022-23 Municipal year; 2) The term of office of non-Councillor Sustainable Development Fund Panel and Sustainable Development Fund Appeals Panel Members be extended by 1 year and their election be deferred to the 2022-23 Municipal year.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 As a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Gower AONB Partnership Annual Meeting was cancelled in June 2020. Steering Group meetings have continued to be held online and the meeting on 15 March 2021 will be the fourth meeting held via Microsoft Teams.

2 Annual Meeting 2021-2022

- 2.1 The Annual Meeting for 2021-2022 has been scheduled for 5 July 2021 and is due to include the election of non-Councillor Steering Group Members. However, due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, it will be difficult to appoint via a remote meeting and it remains uncertain whether face to face meetings

will resume by that date. It is therefore proposed that the term of office of non-Councillor Steering Group Members be extended by a year and their election deferred to 2022. This would also see their election fall in line with the Local Government Elections.

- 2.2 In addition, it is proposed that the membership of non-Councillor Members to the Sustainable Development Fund Panel and Sustainable Development Fund Appeals Panel be extended by a year and their election deferred to 2022.

3 Equality and Engagement Implications

- 3.1 The Council is subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty (Wales) and must, in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

Our Equality Impact Assessment process ensures that we have paid due regard to the above.

- 3.2 There are no equality and engagement implications associated with this report.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

Background Papers: None.

Appendices: None.