

Gower AONB Partnership – Procedural / Guidance Notes

Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) Grants Panel.

- This panel will decide on grant applications to the SDF from funding obtained from the Welsh Government. It will determine how best to use that funding, and will operate an appeals process, if requested, when considering how funding should be spent.
- This panel will comprise the Chair of the Development Management & Control Committee (who will act as Chair) and seven other members of the AONB Partnership. The quorum of the SDF Grants Panel will be four members.
- The SDF panel should consist of a diverse demographic of members, with representation from Swansea Council (Councillors), the AONB Partnership (members of the Partnership), and/or co-opted members as required.
- Councillors will be appointed for the term of their election.
- AONB Partnership members (and co-opted members) will be appointed for a minimum term of 2 years, and for no longer than 3 years.
- The AONB Partnership will appoint new members of the panel annually, so that no more than one third of the panel is replaced in any one year.
- The AONB Team will work with the AONB Steering Group to nominate suitable SDF panel members, with appointments confirmed by the AONB Steering Group.
- Panel members are required to undertake basic training to keep themselves abreast of the aims and purposes of the SDF and the Gower AONB.
- The panel will be supported by the AONB Officer, and a representative from NRW, as observers.

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