



Report of the Gower AONB Officer

Gower AONB Advisory Group – 15 February 2023

Sustainable Development Fund – Appointment of Panels

For Decision

Sustainable Development Fund – Appointment of Grant Panel & Appeals Panel

Background

Welsh Government provide annual funding for the Sustainable Development Fund grant scheme (currently £100,000/year) – this is managed locally by the Gower AONB Team, with a grants panel and an appeals panel to consider and approve grant applications.

The SDF Grant Panel, and the SDF Appeals Panel, are appointed by the Gower AONB Advisory Group, each with a membership of eight, as set out in the Terms of Reference document.

SDF Grant Panel

A list of potential grant panel members is listed below, with a mix of Councillors and stakeholders representing a range of interests and backgrounds.

The members of the AONB Advisory Group are asked to consider, and if appropriate, approve the appointments.

- Cllr Paul Lloyd (Chair)
- David Cole
- John France
- Cllr Lynda James
- Cari Jones
- Cllr Sarah Keeton
- Francis Morgan
- Cllr Andrew Stevens

SDF Appeals Panel

The SDF Appeals Panel only meets should there be a dispute regarding a decision made by the SDF Grants Panel, which has only happened twice in the last 20 years. The Terms of Reference require the Vice Chair of the Advisory Group to chair the

Appeals Panel. The AONB Advisory Group members are asked to volunteer a further six of their number to sit on this panel, should the need arise, and to confirm their appointment.

- Vice Chair of the AONB Advisory Group (TBC)
- Cllr David Hopkins
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Next Meeting of the SDF Grants Panel

The next meeting of the SDF Grants Panel is scheduled for 10am, on the 27th February, and will be a hybrid meeting, based at the Gloucester Room in the Guildhall, Swansea.

Mike Scott,
7th February 2023