



Report of the Gower AONB Officer

Gower AONB Partnership Steering Group – 4 October 2021

Draft Amendments to Process of Appointing to the Sustainable Development Fund Grant Panel

Welsh Government have requested changes to the way the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) grants panels are appointed, which are aimed at ensuring that the panels consist of a diverse demographic of members, with representation from the AONB Partnership. The proposed Terms of Reference Procedural / Guidance Notes are attached at Appendix A.

To accommodate this, I propose to amend the process that we use to appoint members of the SDF Grant Panel, and the SDF Appeals Panel.

Currently, members of the Steering Group nominate 4 members of each panel every two years, for a term of two years. To meet the Welsh Governments guidance, I propose to ask the steering group to appoint two members of each panel each year, for a term of two years.

This will enable us to have a rolling appointment process, keeping the skills built up by the panel membership, while also introducing new members of the panel.

I will also run annual introductions to the work of the SDF grants panel, as part of the established programme of meetings.

Before these amendments are confirmed, I would welcome any comments from the Steering Group.

Background Papers: None.

Appendices: Appendix A – Procedural / Guidance Notes.

Mike Scott,

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