

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Council

Date of meeting: 24 October 2024

Title: **Amendment to the Membership of the 'Local Places for Nature' (LP4N) grant panel**

Purpose of the report: **To consider an amendment to the appointment of members to the Local Places for Nature grant panel for a period from 18 July 2024 to June 2027.**

For: **Decision**

**Cabinet Portfolio and Cllr Keith Henson
Cabinet Member:**

Background

During a meeting dated 18 July 2024, the Council approved the appointment of members to the Local Places for Nature grant panel for a period from 18 July 2024 to June 2027.

The Terms of Reference for the Local Places for Nature Grants Panel stipulated that the panel should comprise of between 5 and 9 members, including the Chair and Vice-Chair, ensuring a reasonable balance between the following and a fair balance between persons of different genders, races, ages, disabilities and other protected characteristics.

- a. The public, private and voluntary sectors
- b. Environmental, social, cultural, and economic interests
- c. The interests of recipients

The appointment process was widely publicised throughout the Local Nature Partnership networks, following the Council's own guidance on public engagement and a total of 5 applications were received and reported to Council.

Since its implementation one internal member (social sector) and one external member (private sector, environmental and economic) has resigned. The remaining members encompass all of the criteria but do not meet the quorum number of 5 members.

Another person has agreed to join the panel, representing environmental, voluntary, social and cultural interests. Chris Worker WG Officer who has retired since we made the first call for panel members.

It is proposed to progress with the current membership, with the addition of Chris Worker, whilst seeking an additional external representative to join this group.

To enable this, see revised Terms of Reference attached (Appendix 1: LP4N Panel ToR revision (AGH September 2024) for approval by Council.

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If, not, please state why.

No, this is not a policy or service change.

Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:

Long term: N/A

Collaboration: N/A

Involvement: N/A

Prevention: N/A

Integration: N/A

Recommendation(s):

To approve and note the revised Terms of Reference attached (Appendix 1).

Reasons for decision:

To ensure that the Panel has appropriate composition.

Overview and Scrutiny:

N/A

Policy Framework:

N/A

Corporate Well-being Objectives:

- Boosting the Economy, Supporting Businesses and Enabling Employment
- Creating Caring and Healthy communities
- Creating Sustainable, Green and Well-connected Communities

Finance and Procurement implications:

Secretarial and running costs of the panel to be met through the team budget – Economy and Regeneration (revenue element of the Local Places for Nature project funding).

Legal Implications:

None

Staffing implications:

To be met through the team budget – Economy and Regeneration

Property / asset implications:

None

Risk(s):

None

Statutory Powers:

None

Background Papers:

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Revised Terms of Reference attached (LPFN Panel ToR AGH September 2024)

Corporate Lead Officer:

Russel Hughes-Pickering

Date:

12.09.2024