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9.1 Introduction

- 9.1.1** Monitoring and reviewing the Management Plan is of prime importance. However good the Plan, unless it is implemented according to the programme laid out, it will not have the desired effect and will not therefore be successful. A number of different factors can effect the implementation of the Plan such as lack of co-operation or resources to bring about the realization of the objectives.
- 9.1.2** Also although the Management Plan has been prepared in consecutive stages, it cannot be categorically stated that the action will always lead to the realization of the aims objectives and thus of the Vision set out. There will be much to learn from the success of the current Plan when it is reviewed for the next period which is for 2009-2014.
- 9.1.3** It is intended to monitor the AONB Management Plan for Llŷn in three ways, namely by reviewing the condition of the AONB, measuring and analysing the activities and pressure and reviewing the progress of the Management Plan.
- 9.1.4** The Council's Performance Management Unit will provide guidance on Plan arrangements, monitoring and review procedures, ensuring the co-ordination of existing Effect Assessment Tool developments, and any other further relevant development during the Plan period.

9.2 Implementing the Plan

- 9.2.1** The most direct means of monitoring and reviewing the Management Plan is to assess the progress of the Action Programme. The Programme includes details of the actions that are intended and the time target. By reporting back to the Joint Advisory Committee on an annual basis, it can be seen whether the targets set have been achieved.
- 9.2.2** The Action Programme of the Management Plan was based on the aims and objectives that were established following the assessment of the condition of the special qualities and establishing the Vision. The realization of the Action Programme should mean that the objectives, and the aims and therefore the Vision are also realized. It is only by monitoring that the success of the actions in fulfilling the aims and objectives can be measured. Therefore the annual report will assess the success of achieving the aims and objectives of the Management Plan.
- 9.2.3** The annual progress reports will contribute towards the work of reviewing the entire Plan which needs to be completed by 2009.

9.3 Condition of the resource

- 9.3.1** The aim of the Management Plan is to control change for the benefit and advantage of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Therefore, in addition to reviewing the Action Programme and the Strategy Plan it is vital to assess the condition of the resources - namely the special qualities. The present assessment will provide a basis for this. The aim is to obtain comparative information on the condition of every one of the qualities noted and identified in the Plan.
- 9.3.2** There was a lack of correct or recent information about the number and condition of several qualities when the present Plan was prepared. It was the aim to change this situation by identifying the defects and taking action by undertaking research and surveys so that information is available for the review of the Management Plan. It is also likely that new information will be received that will assist in measuring the condition of the qualities although this was not programmed into the Action Programme. The aim is to utilise the most important and core information for measuring the size and condition of resources but not to go to extremes so as not to create a situation where considerable resources will be required for measuring and thus restricting the ability to implement. This is an area which presents opportunities to work with other Authorities dealing with protected landscapes in Wales, especially Anglesey County Council (Countryside Services), Snowdonia National Park and Denbighshire County Council (Countryside Services).

9.4 Activities/Pressure on the AONB

- 9.4.1** The Management Plan has also assessed the activities and the pressure on the AONB and their effects on the qualities. Wherever possible, quantitative information about the activity in question has been included, it will therefore be possible to assess any variation, be that a reduction or an increase. The activities that are given precedence are:

The Local Economy	Leisure	Energy
Agriculture	Population changes	Maintenance
Forestry	Housing stock	Waste/rubbish disposal
Fishing	Community amenities	Natural processes
Quarrying/Mineral extraction	New buildings/modifications	
Tourism	Communications/Telecommunications	

9.4.2 As in the case of the condition of qualities, there was a lack of complete and recent information about a number of activities relevant to the AONB. Again, the Management Plan will attempt to respond to this deficiency by conducting research or surveys so that reliable information is available for reviewing the Plan.

9.5 Ecological footprint

9.5.1 At the beginning of the Plan reference was made to the importance of sustainable development and the effect of human activities on the environment. One method of monitoring the latter is by measuring the ecological footprint and it could possibly be used to measure the success of the Management Plan over a period of time and whether it has in fact succeeded in reducing the ecological footprint. To implement this specific targets would need to be set together with long term monitoring systems. This is believed to be an area which merits further consideration as an additional means of measuring the success of management in controlling or reducing this 'footprint'.

9.6 AONB Service and the Joint Committee

9.6.1 The AONB Service and the Joint Committee have an important role to play with regard to implementing and monitoring the Management Plan. As noted the Service will prepare an annual report for the Joint Committee on the progress of the Action Programme. This report will include information about finance and resources of the Service, as these are essential for effective action and for the success of the whole Plan.

9.6.2 The AONB and the Joint Committee will be responsible for conducting a full review of the Management Plan by 2009.

