

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.
PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION
by
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LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
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PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR REGENERATION AND PLANNING

February 2017

REPORT AUTHOR: Mid Wales Regional Engagement Officer

**SUBJECT: National Development Framework for Wales – Growing
Mid Wales Response
February 2017**

REPORT FOR: Decision

1 Summary

- 1.1 To consider and approve a response to the Welsh Government's Call for Evidence and Projects for a new National Development Framework (NDF)¹.
- 1.2 The Council's response has been incorporated as part of a wider response from the Growing Mid Wales partnership.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Growing Mid Wales partnership held on the 6th of January 2017, it was agreed that a regional response to the Welsh Government's Call for Evidence and Projects for a new National Development Framework be collated. This response would include evidence from Local Authority members of the partnership, including Powys County Council.
- 2.2 Consequently, Growing Mid Wales Cross Sector Working Groups were held on the 18th of January and 15th of February 2017 to discuss and agree a proposed response. There has also been regular dialogue between GMW Officers and Officers in both Powys and Ceredigion County Councils between these meetings to comment on the proposed response.

¹ Welsh Government Consultation Document, *Call for Evidence and Projects – National Development Framework* (Welsh Government)

- 2.3 Once approved, the response will be submitted to the Welsh Government as part of their Call for Evidence and Projects.

3 One Powys Plan

- 3.1 The One Powys Plan 2014-17, which incorporates the Powys Change Plan, sets out 5 priorities:
- Integrated health and adult social care.
 - Children and Young People.
 - Transforming learning and skills.
 - Stronger, safer and economically viable Communities.
 - Financially balanced and fit for purpose public services.
- 3.2 The proposed NDF can support and facilitate each of the above priorities, as well as some of the actions and outcomes of the One Powys Plan where there are land use and development implications.

4 Options Considered/Available

- 4.1 Alternative options in responding to the Call for Evidence and Projects were considered;
- a) The Council to contribute to a regional response as a member of the Growing Mid Wales partnership
 - b) The Council to produce a stand-alone response
 - c) Produce no response
- 4.2 It was considered that Option A was the preferred option, in line with the increased emphasis on regional working between Powys and Ceredigion County Councils. Staff resources were also available to coordinate the production of a regional response.

5. Preferred Choice and Reasons

- 5.1 To consider and approve the Growing Mid Wales response to the Call for Evidence and Projects for a new National Development Framework

6 Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder,/Welsh Language/Other Policies, etc

- 6.1 The response recognises the potential of the proposed NDF to contribute to sustainable development and to enhance the environment. It also recognises the potential of the NDF to support the Welsh Language in Welsh speaking strongholds.

7 Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing

- 7.1 Submitted evidence is asked to be considered in the context of the seven well-being goals from the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act. The response demonstrates the potential of many of the issues considered to contribute to healthy, sustainable living environments and places for the wellbeing of the County's population as a whole. These include, but are not limited to; housing, appropriate management of the environment and natural resources, and increased connectivity.

8 Local Member(s)

- 8.1 The proposed NDF will directly affect all those Members with wards, either wholly or partly, located in Powys, including the Brecon Beacons National Park.

9 Other Front Line Services

- 9.1 The finalised NDF has the potential to impact on all service areas in a number of possible ways e.g. where services have a 'land use' requirement, or where service delivery is impacted on by the levels of development and growth being planned.

10 Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)

- 10.1 Legal – There are no implications arising as a direct result of this report.
- 10.2 Finance – There are no implications arising as a direct result of this report.

11 Local Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc

- 11.1 The proposed NDF has the potential to impact on the Local Service Board, partnerships and stakeholders in a number of possible ways e.g. where services have a 'land use' requirement, or where service delivery is impacted on by the levels of development and growth being planned.
- 11.2 The proposed NDF will follow a similar development process to that of a Local Development Plan (LDP), which provides informal and formal opportunities for engagement and involvement. Many of the individual partnership organisations of the LSB are also members of the GMW partnership and have participated in the production of this response. They will also have further opportunity to comment on the NDF during its public consultation periods if they so wish.

12 Corporate Communications

12.1 There are no implications arising for Corporate Communications as a direct result of this report.

13 Statutory Officers

13.1 Strategic Director Resources (Section 151 Officer) notes the comments made by Finance.

13.2 Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: "I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report."

14 Members' Interests

14.1 The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If the Portfolio Holder has an interest he should declare, complete the relevant notification form and refer the matter to Cabinet for decision.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
To approve the Growing Mid Wales response	To submit a formal response to Welsh Government's Call for Evidence and Projects for a new National Development Framework

Relevant Policy (ies):	Powys LDP, Growing Mid Wales Strategic Framework		
Within Policy:	Y /-N	Within Budget:	Y /-N
Relevant Local Member(s):	N/A		
Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Claire Miles		
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	27th February 2017 (or as soon as approved)		

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