

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PARK DIRECTION

SUBJECT: SUSTAINABLE FARMING AND OUR LAND

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of the report is to bring the above consultation on the 'Sustainable Farming and Our Land' consultation to the attention of Members. The Authority will be responding to the consultation on a three Parks basis.

Background

The detailed proposals - outlined in the Sustainable Farming and our Land consultation - aim to protect the land and the environment for future generations whilst providing a stable income for farmers through a new Sustainable Farming Scheme. The consultation period will run until the 30th October 2019. A copy of the consultation documents can be found via the following link:-

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultations/2019-07/brexit-consultation-document.pdf>

Sustainable Farming and Our Land

Last year, WG published the Brexit and our Land consultation. This was a high-level consultation, setting out the case for changing how WG support farmers and proposing new schemes to replace the CAP in Wales.

Over 12,000 responses were received and WG carried out extensive farmer engagement. WG has considered the views expressed in the consultation and have made a number of changes to its proposals. Of most importance, the proposals now explicitly recognise the interaction between food production and environmental outcomes.

WG's revised proposals are set out in the document in the link above:

- Chapter 3 explains the framework WG are proposing to underpin farm support;
- Chapter 4 describes the proposed Sustainable Farming Scheme;
- Chapters 5, 6, and 7 discuss wider areas of support to help the scheme operate – advice, broader industry support and regulation
- Chapter 8 provides an update on transition arrangements and funding;
- Chapter 9 explains what will happen after this consultation and how the WG will work with farmers; and
- the next chapter uses a walkthrough to illustrate how the scheme proposal might work in practice for farmers.

Officers will be responding to the consultation as part of the Wales National Park group.

Financial considerations

Existing staff resources are being used to prepare a respond to the consultation.

Equality considerations

Welsh Government is subject to The Equality Act 2010.

Welsh Language considerations

Welsh Government subject to the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards Regulations 2015.

Recommendation:

Members are requested to provide any comments or views on the draft consultation document to Geraint Jones the Authority's Farm Conservation Officer by the 30th of September 2019.

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