

## **Response from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority to the Welsh Government consultation on “Proposed reduction in the membership of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority” – June 2017**

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### **Question 1: What are your views on the proposal to reduce the membership of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority from 24 to 18?**

The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA) supports the proposals to reduce the membership of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA) from 24 to 18.

Since 2008 PCNPA has functioned with 18 members and is fully able to meet the governance and oversight arrangements required for a National Park Authority. We see no reason why BBNPA could not also meet these requirements with 18 members.

The Future Landscapes Wales process has highlighted a need for designated landscape bodies to develop a governance framework that is appropriate for their requirements. We note that the initial request for this change has come from the BBNPA, therefore we see this as an example of the principle of “Refreshing Governance” as advocated in Future Landscapes Wales.

### **Question 2: What are your views on the proposed distribution of members of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority between the seven principal authorities and the Welsh Ministers as set out in Table 3?**

While we do not have specific knowledge of the area covered by the Brecon Beacons National Park, we note that members of National Park Authorities do not represent specific constituencies, they are expected to take account of the National Park in its entirety. In view of this it would appear that the proposals to retain at least one representative from each of the constituent authorities is to be supported, however, if National Park Authority members meet the requirement to take account of the whole of the National Park then the numbers from each constituent authority are less significant.

### **Question 3: We would like to know your views on the effects that reducing the membership of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority would have on the Welsh language, specifically on:**

**i) opportunities for people to use Welsh and**

**ii) on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English. What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?**

No Comment

**Question 4: Please also explain how you believe the proposed actions could be formulated or changed so as to have:**

- i) positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and**
- ii) no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.**

No Comment

**Question 5: We have asked 2 specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:**

No Comment

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