



LAG Decision - Appeal Process

An applicant for LEADER funding in Neath Port Talbot has the right to appeal any decisions made by the LAG whilst executing its project selection and appraisal process.

The following procedures will apply:

1. The appellant will be required to contact the Administrative Body for an initial discussion regarding the LAGs decision. The appellant will be provided with the LAGs final score and a breakdown of the specific areas where their application failed to meet the threshold. No details of individual LAG member's scores and comments will be disclosed.
2. If the appellant is dissatisfied with the explanations provided they can then launch a formal appeal.
3. The appellant will be required to submit a formal letter outlining their case for appeal specifically addressing the areas where the project fell short of the threshold. The letter must be submitted within 2 weeks of the appellant first contacting the Administrative Body.
4. The Administrative Body will assemble within 2 weeks, an appeal's panel to consider each appeal. The panel will consist of 6 LAG members who do not have an interest in the project being discussed.
5. The LAG appeals panel will then meet to consider the appellant's letter and a decision for or against an appeal will be made. The appellant will be invited to panel meeting but will not be party to any discussions. The panel may request the appellant to address the panel to clarify any areas of uncertainty the panel may have after considering the appeal letter.
6. The appellant will be informed of the decision in person at the meeting and a formal letter will be issued accordingly.
7. The appeal panel's decision is final. There will be no further opportunity to appeal.