

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Rob Thomas, Cabinet Member for Environment

DECISION NO:

24/00067

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Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision:

Kent County Council Adoption of the 4th Revision of the High Weald Area of Outstanding National Beauty Management Plan 2024- 2029

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment, I agree to:

- (i) ADOPT the revised High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2024-2029 on behalf of Kent County Council (Appendix 1).
- (ii) To DELEGATE authority to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment to refresh and/or make revisions to the Management Plan as appropriate during the lifetime of the plan
- (iii) To DELEGATE authority to the Corporate Growth, Environment and Transport to take relevant actions, including but not limited to finalising the terms of, and entering into required contract or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision .

Reason(s) for decision:

The Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000 requires local authorities within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) to act collaboratively to prepare and publish an up-to-date plan, which 'formulates their policy for the management of the area and for the carrying out of their functions in relation to it.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The Members of Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee considered and endorsed the proposal at their meeting on 9 July 2024.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

This is a statutory obligation.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

None

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signed

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date