

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment

DECISION NO:

14/00027

For publication

Subject: Revision of the Kent Downs and High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plans.

Decision: Formal adoption of the revised Kent Downs and High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plans.

Reason(s) for decision: Kent County Council (KCC) has a statutory duty, along with other local authorities within the boundaries of the AONB, to act jointly to prepare and review the Management Plans. This is the second review of the AONB Management Plans, originally adopted by KCC in 2004 – this iteration strongly reflects the original adopted plan. KCC is already committed to providing resources, both funding and officer time, to the two AONBs. It is not anticipated that the revised Management Plans will place any additional obligations on the County Council in terms of resources, although relevant units within the County Council will need to consider the revised Management Plans in relation to their operations. The revised plans support the objectives of Bold Steps for Kent and the Kent Environment Strategy.

The statutory deadline for adoption is 31st March 2014.

Further details on the revised Management Plans are provided in the supporting decision report.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

On 3rd October 2013, the Environment, Highways and Waste (EHW) Cabinet Committee RESOLVED that the Management Plans proceeding for approval be endorsed.

In addition to the consultation with statutory partners the two Management Plans underwent a full public consultation.

Any alternatives considered:

No – KCC is statutorily required to formally adopt the Plans.

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

None

signed

date

10.3.14