

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

### DECISION TAKEN BY

**Susan Carey, Cabinet Member for Environment**

### DECISION NO:

**20/00025**

### For publication

### Key decision\*

Yes

**Subject: Formal adoption of the Kent Nature Partnership Biodiversity Strategy 2020-2045**

### Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment, I agree to Kent County Council's formal adoption of the Kent Nature Partnership Biodiversity Strategy 2020-2045.

### Reason(s) for decision:

The Kent Nature Partnership Biodiversity Strategy (the Strategy) sets out the contribution the county of Kent can make to the Government's ambition to "leave our environment in a better state than we found it" and the further aspirations set out in its 25 Year Environment Plan, A Green Future (2018).

The Strategy aims to deliver, over a 25-year period, the maintenance, restoration and creation of habitats that are thriving with wildlife and plants, ensuring the county's terrestrial, freshwater, intertidal and marine environments regain and retain good health. It looks to protect and recover threatened species and enhance the wildlife habitats that Kent is particularly important for. It also aims to provide a natural environment that inspires citizen engagement and is well used and appreciated, so that the mental and physical health benefits of such a connection can be realised by the people of Kent.

### Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The Strategy was prepared for the Kent Nature Partnership by Kent County Council and the Kent Wildlife Trust under the guidance of a Task and Finish Group, comprising members of the Kent Nature Partnership. Following stakeholder engagement and a formal consultation in 2019, the Strategy was approved by the Kent Nature Partnership Board on 28th February 2020. It is now with the Kent Nature Partnership's partners for adoption or endorsement.

The Strategy has previously been considered by Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 prior to its public consultation in summer 2019.

Cabinet Committee Members were engaged informally via email in advance of this proposed decision being published and all comments received were duly considered by the Cabinet Member as part of their decision-making.

### Any alternatives considered:

N/A

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

None

**Susan Carey**  
signed

**27 April 2020**  
date