

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet member environment**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Malvern Hills National Landscape Management Plan</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet member environment Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a>
Date of decision	27 May 2025
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	To adopt the Malvern Hills National Landscape (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) Management Plan 2025-2030
<b>Decision</b>	That: a) The Cabinet Member adopts the Malvern Hills National Landscape (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) Management Plan for the period 2025 - 2030  b) The Cabinet Member recognises its duty under Section 245 (Protected Landscapes) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (LURA) to 'seek to further' the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of the National Landscapes
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?ID=251</a>

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Options considered	None – The Council has a joint legal duty as a ‘relevant authority’ under Section 89 (2 & 9) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000) to have a current Management Plan for the Malvern Hills National Landscape (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). This is a duty shared with the other local authorities within the area of the National Landscape
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	2 May 2025

<p>Councillor: .....</p> <p>Cabinet member environment (Councillor Elissa Swinglehurst)</p>	<p>Date 27 May 2025</p>
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

and

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.