

Record of Officer Decision

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| Decision title: | Memorandum of Understanding covering 2021-2024 for the Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Date of decision: | 16 March 2021 |
| Decision maker: | Assistant Director for Regulatory, Environment and Waste |
| Authority for delegated decision: | <p>This is an operational decision made under the directorate scheme of delegation as outlined in Part 3, Section 7 of the constitution. Para 3.7.5.</p> <p>Directorate scheme of delegation: updated 2 December 2020 Directorate - Economy and Place. Part 3, para 71 'Planning Services': <i>To act on behalf of the council in respect of all land use planning matters administered by the Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts, secondary legislation and any related statutory instruments including...Countryside & Rights of Way Act (2000); National Parks and Countryside Act (1949); Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006)...</i></p> |
| Ward: | <p>Malvern Hills AONB: Bishops Frome & Cradley, Hope End, Ledbury North, Ledbury South.</p> <p>Wye Valley AONB: Backberry, Dinedor Hill, Old Gore, Birch, Llangarron, Ross North, Ross East, Ross West, Kerne Bridge</p> |
| Consultation: | DEFRA, Natural Resources Wales, other constituent local authorities as applicable to each AONB (Gloucestershire CC, Forest of Dean DC,, Malvern Hills DC, Worcestershire CC, Monmouthshire CC), AONB Joint Advisory Committee's (includes local members), other parties with an interest through Steering Group. |
| Decision made: | To endorse and sign the new AONB MoUs for the period 2021-2024 |
| Reasons for decision: | <p>The AONBs are a statutory partnership required to discharge the council's legal duties under the Countryside & Rights of Way Act (2000); National Parks and Countryside Act (1949); Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006).</p> <p>The MoUs confirm the council's commitment to each AONB Partnership.</p> <p>The MoUs secure significant match funding (circa 75%) from national government through DEFRA and NRW grants.</p> |
| Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations: | <p>All financial and other contributions are fully accommodated within existing Budgets.</p> <p>The MoUs remain largely unchanged (excepting required 'legal' updates or national government changes) and have previously been fully approved by HC legal.</p> <p>There are no equality considerations or effects identified in respect of this decision.</p> <p>The AONB status and supported activity are all fully commensurate and supportive of the council's climate change and ecological emergency</p> |

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| | declaration. |
| Details of any alternative options considered and rejected: | Not to sign would lead to the council being in breach of legislation. |
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| Details of any declarations of interest made: | None |

Signed



Date: 16 March 2021

Attached MoU for 2021-2024 for the Malvern Hills AONB and Wye Valley AONB



Malvern Hills MOU WV MoU 2021-2024
2021-2024 Final.pdf



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