

Item 6 - Adoption of the High Weald AONB management plan 2019-2024

The attached report was considered by the Planning Advisory Committee on 12 March 2019. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Planning Advisory Committee (12 March 2019, Minute 32)

The Principal Planning Officer (Policy) presented the report which sought adoption of a management plan for the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), which the Council was legally required to do.

The High Weald AONB Management Plan review (2019-2024) was approved by the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) of the AONB unit on 28 November 2018 after public consultation and with input from the Council. It was recommended that the Council adopt the Plan as it would assist in understanding the key characteristics of the AONB and therefore developing policies and making development management decisions to protect and enhance the natural beauty of the landscape of the High Weald AONB.

Cllr Dickins addressed the Board as the Council's representative on the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - Joint Advisory Committee. He thanked Officers for all their work. He stated that 60% of the District was AONB and had a great impact on the visual landscape and land use. The Plan looked to preserve it and take it forward into the twenty-first century.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet to adopt the High Weald AONB Management Plan and to provide a link to the document on the Council's website.