

Item 6 (a) - Adoption of Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plans

The attached report was considered by the Cabinet, and the relevant minute extract is below:

Cabinet (8 July 2021, Minute 19)

The Portfolio Holder for Development and Conservation presented the report which sought the adoption of management Plans for the Kent Downs and High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), which the Council was legally required to do. The role of the management plan was to set out the key components, characteristics and qualities of the AONB and to identify ways and opportunities to conserve and enhance the landscape. The Kent Downs AONB Management Plan review (2021-2026) was approved by the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) of the AONB unit on 26 January 2021.

The Development & Conservation Advisory Committee had also considered the report and recommended that the Management Plans be adopted.

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 Council that the Kent Downs and High Weald AONB Management Plans be adopted.