

Item 6 – High Weald AONB Management Plan

The attached report was considered by the Development & Conservation Advisory Committee on 26 March 2024. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Development & Conservation Advisory Committee (26 March 2024, Minute 37)

The Senior Planning Officer (Policy) presented the report which advised that the Council was legally required to prepare and publish a management plan for the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. In the High Weald, this requirement was delivered through the High Weald Joint Advisory Committee. A draft management plan had been prepared, after public consultation and with input from the Council, setting out key character components of the High Weald's natural beauty. It was an important guidance document for functions affecting the AONB and its setting.

The document was due to be approved by the High Weald Joint Advisory Committee on 27 March 2024.

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, that subject to its approval by the High Weald Joint Advisory Committee on 27 March 2024, it be recommended to Council to adopt the High Weald AONB Management Plan.