

## **Item 6 (a) – High Weald AONB Management Plan**

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

### **Cabinet – 18 April 2024 (Minute 104)**

The Portfolio Holder for Development and Conservation presented the report which set out the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan. The Council was legally required to prepare and publish a management plan for the High Weald AONB. In the High Weald this requirement was delivered through the High Weald Joint Advisory Committee. The Development & Conservation Advisory Committee had considered the same report and supported its adoption.

The Senior Planning Officer (Policy) further advised that the draft management plan had been prepared following 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 would help preserve the purpose of the natural landscape, as the duty was to seek to strongly further the purpose of the Natural Landscape.

Members considered the report.

#### 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 High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, be adopted.