

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Item	Outcome
Date Of Decision	22 February 2021
Decision Maker	Hannah Perrott, Assistant Director for Communities
Brief Description Of Decision	Worcestershire County Council signs the Memorandum of Understanding for the Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership for the period April 1 st 2021 – March 31 st 2024.
Reason(s) For Decision	<p>Worcestershire County Council acts as the host authority to the Malvern Hills AONB Unit and is one of five local authority partners providing core funding to the AONB Partnership. This support is provided in recognition of the statutory and strategic purposes (for example, under Part IV of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act, 2000) which the Partnership undertakes on behalf of Worcestershire County Council, including conserving and enhancing an international and national asset and ensuring that it plays a strong role in sustainable economic development. The core funding provided also helps to lever in significant funding to the area from central government and other sources. Officers from all local authority partners regard the Unit as a commissioned service.</p> <p>The existing MOU for the Malvern Hills AONB Partnership expires at the end of March 2021. It is considered important that the five local authority funding partners sign a new agreement as a commitment to the purpose and functions of the AONB Partnership. The MOU acts as an adjunct to the AONB Unit Business Plan. Through its link to the Business Plan the MOU contains outline financial contributions which it is expected that each local authority partner will provide in each year of the MOU. However, the MOU is not legally binding and the figures provided are not taken as a guaranteed commitment.</p>
Alternative Options Considered And Rejected	N/A
Joint Equality, Public Health, Data Protection and	N/A

Item	Outcome
Sustainability Impact Assessments carried out	
Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted	None
Reference	01/2021

October 2020
AE