

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

TITLE:*	Malvern Hills National Landscape Management Plan 2025-2030.
Decision Taken By:	Mark Fitton, Strategic Director for Adults & Communities
Cabinet Member	Cllr Emma Stokes, Cabinet Member with Responsibility for the Environment
Decision Made*	To adopt the Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2025-2030.
Is this Report Exempt as per Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972	No
Decision taken under the following delegation:	<p>Under Section 89 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000) local authorities covering (part of) a National Landscape have a legal duty to prepare or to review a plan which formulates their policy for the management of the National Landscape and for the carrying out of their functions in relation to it. The legislation also states that local authorities should then adopt and publish the plan.</p> <p>The Strategic Director for Adults & Communities is adopting the Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2025-30 in line with his general duties to manage and carry out the functions of the Council in relation to the Countryside Greenspace service, including the management of open spaces, Commons and picnic places, and the Gypsy Service, road safety and school crossing patrols as laid out within the Officers Scheme of Delegation, which is part of the Scheme of Assignment of Responsibility for Functions, as set out in Appendix 1 of the Council's Constitution Officer Scheme of Delegation</p>
Division(s) Affected	<p>Hallow</p> <p>Malvern Link</p> <p>Malvern Trinity</p> <p>Malvern Chase</p> <p>Powick and Longdon</p>
Date of Decision*	3 March 2025

<p>Summary of Decision*</p>	<p>Malvern Hills National Landscape Team has acted on behalf of local authorities in the area (Herefordshire Council, Gloucestershire County Council, Forest of Dean District Council, Malvern Hills District Council and Worcestershire County Council) to lead on the review of the current management Plan for the Malvern Hills National Landscape (NL). Information on the review process including a timetable and outputs can be found at Management Plan Review 2024 – Malvern Hills National Landscape.</p> <p>The Management Plan has undergone extensive consultation with stakeholders and the community, which has supported the development of the plan.</p> <p>Following the review, text for a new Management Plan for the period 2025-30 has been produced. This text was approved by the Malvern Hills National Landscape Joint Advisory Committee at its meeting on 15 November 2024 Agenda for Malvern Hills National Landscape Joint Advisory Committee on Friday, 15th November, 2024, 10.00 am - Modern Council. The new plan must be adopted by its constituent local authorities by 31 March 2025.</p>
<p>Reason(s) For Decision*</p>	<p>The decision is to approve the adoption of the Malvern Hill National Landscape Management Plan 2025-2030 Under Section 89 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000).</p>
<p>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected</p>	<p>For Worcestershire County Council not to adopt the management plan – rejected.</p>
<p>Summary of any financial implications</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Summary of any legal implications</p>	<p>The Council has a duty to review and adopt the National Landscape management plan under s.89 Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000</p>
<p>Consultation process and results</p>	<p>A full summary of the management plan preparation process and consultation can be found here Management Plan Review 2024 – Malvern Hills National Landscape</p>
<p>Equality duty Implications</p>	<p><i>The Joint Impact Assessment did not identify any potential considerations requiring further assessment during implementation.</i></p>
<p>Social Value Implications</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any</p>	<p>None</p>

dispensation granted*	
Background documents*	Malvern Hills National Landscape Management Plan 2025-2030 More information can be found here Management Plan Review 2024 – Malvern Hills National Landscape
Signature	
Reference/Date Published	4 March 2025 - 03
Monitoring Officer Review needed	Yes/No (delete as appropriate)

*Legal Requirement