

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	4 March 2014
Title:	Adoption of Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs AONB 2014-2019 Management Plans
Reference:	5665
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the 2014-2019 Management Plan for the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty be adopted.
- 1.2. That the 2014-2019 Management Plan for the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty be adopted.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To ensure that Hampshire County Council meets its legal obligations under the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000.
- 2.2. To enable Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnerships to draw-down significant external match funding to support AONB core and project activities.
- 2.3. To help deliver Hampshire County Council's Corporate Improvement Plan aims of 'maximising well-being' and enhancing our quality of place'.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The option of not adopting the AONB Management Plans was considered. This option was rejected, as this would leave the County Council in breach of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000 and create a high risk of damaging its reputation and leadership in the field of landscape conservation.

3.2. The option of further substantive amendment of the AONB Management Plans was considered. This option was rejected as substantive amendments are not required by Natural England, and with those modifications recommended by officers that have been incorporated, the Management Plans are considered fit for purpose.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by: -----	Date: 4 March 2014
Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Seán D T Woodward	