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# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

<b>Date Of Decision</b>	25/03/15
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Neil Anderson, Head of Community and Environment, Worcestershire County Council
<b>Brief Description Of Decision</b>	Worcestershire County Council signs the Memorandum of Understanding for the Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership for the period April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2015 – March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2019.
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	<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 2015. 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> <p>The period covered by the MOU coincides with the remaining period of both the AONB Unit Business Plan and the AONB Management Plan.</p>
<b>Alternative Options Considered And Rejected</b>	N/A
<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted</b>	None

<b>Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b>	
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I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Record of Officer Executive Decision form in relation to the Memorandum of Understanding for the Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership for the period April 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.

Signed  
  
 Neil Anderson  
 Head of Community and Environment  
 Worcestershire County Council

Date: 25 March 2015