

## **MALVERN HILLS AONB JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **28 APRIL 2023**

## **A NATURE RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE MALVERN HILLS AONB – YEAR 1 PROGRESS**

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### **Recommendation**

**The Committee is recommended to:**

- a) Note progress made with implementing the Nature Recovery Plan.**
- b) Identify actions which partners beyond the AONB Unit may have taken to deliver the plan/promote nature recovery in the 22/23 financial year.**

### **Background**

1. At its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021 members received a presentation from Robert Deane of Rural Focus Ltd and considered a draft Nature Recovery Plan. A range of issues in relation to the draft Plan were raised and discussed. At its meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 members were made aware that, following a period of consultation, the Nature Recovery Plan had been finalised and was available on the AONB website.

### **Summary**

2. The Nature Recovery Plan contains a Delivery Action Plan which sets out a series of actions for each of the strategic themes and priorities described earlier in the Plan. It should be noted that these are by no means the only actions which are being taken in relation to nature recovery in the area. In addition, it should be noted that there are significant changes taking place in national policy and so it was always intended that the Actions Table would be reviewed and updated.

3. Progress made against the Delivery Action Plan by the AONB Unit in 22/23 is summarised in Appendix 1. Members are encouraged to consider what actions the bodies they represent may have taken against the Plan in the same period. Members are reminded that we (and all AONB Partnerships) are awaiting Management Plan review guidance from Natural England, with an expectation that AONB Nature Recovery Plans may be integrated with AONB Management Plans in due course.

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