

Minutes

OF A MEETING OF THE

Cabinet



Listening Learning Leading

**HELD ON THURSDAY 1 AUGUST 2019 AT 6.00 PM
MEETING ROOM 1, 135 EASTERN AVENUE, MILTON PARK, OX14 4SB**

Present:

Cabinet members: Councillors Sue Cooper (Chair), Pieter-Paul Barker, Robin Bennett, Andrea Powell, Leigh Rawlins and David Rouane

Officers: Steve Culliford, Andrew Down, Adrian Duffield, Dominic Lamb, Margaret Reed and Mark Stone

14 Apologies for absence

Councillors David Turner and Maggie Filipova-Rivers had submitted apologies for absence.

15 Minutes

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2019 as a correct record and agree that the Chairman signs them as such.

16 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interest

None

17 Urgent business and chairman's announcements

None

18 Public participation

None

19 North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2019-2024

Cabinet considered the head of planning's report, which sought the adoption of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2019-2024.

The production of a management plan was a statutory requirement. All nine constituent councils within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty had responsibility to adopt the plan, which had been produced by the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty's Council of Partners. This had councillor and officer representation from each constituent council.

The plan was split into key themes covering landscape, rural land management, biodiversity, the historic environment, natural resources, development, communities, tourism leisure and access. Climate change was a cross-cutting theme also. The policies and actions in the plan supported the fight against climate change. For example, policies aimed at supporting landscape scale habitat restoration and providing habitat linkages both helped the natural environment to adapt to the impacts of climate change and were tackling the causes with the creation of new habitats. Cabinet welcomed this.

Cabinet supported the recommendation to adopt the management plan.

RESOLVED: to adopt the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2019-2024.

The meeting closed at 6.13 pm

Chairman

Date