

Item 5. Approval of Business Case for submission to Defra of Conservation Board request

1. Summary

This paper gives a slightly revised version of the Business Case document for formation of a Conservation Board, aimed at submission to Defra.

2. Background

The Business Case has been revised slightly to reflect the differing decision-making needs and priorities of Defra as opposed to the two Councils, based on our best current understanding of this. Following approval by the Councils, the document is also now presented as a proposal jointly by the Councils and the AONB Partnership.

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The Business Case Appendices as provided to the Council Cabinets are probably mostly fine for submission to Defra. The Risk Framework needs updating since the Councils have now agreed in principle, and wording of the risks associated with Defra themselves may want changing slightly.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

The Transition Board is recommended to approve the Business Case for submission to Defra, subject to comments, and to consider the timing of the submission.

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Appendix 1 Final draft Business Case for submission to Defra (Word document, with Full appendices 1-4 as separate pdf).