

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	John Tickle, Assistant Director Culture and Heritage
Title:	Approval for entering a new Countryside Stewardship agreement for Martin Down NNR

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That entrance into a new Countryside Stewardship agreement for Martin Down NNR is approved .

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1 The grant funding from the new CS agreement would continue to support the conservation management work in partnership with Natural England at this important NNR.
- 2.2 This work would include; continuing the grassland management on the site, grazing with sheep to the south of the A354, introducing cattle grazing to the north of the A354, a new trough in the area to be grazed by cattle, scrub management on the Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAM) and areas of grassland.
- 2.3 Where we have any land that is a Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), it is a requirement that any SSSI within our landholding should be within an Environmental Stewardship agreement. Failure to enter into this agreement could result in the Countryside Service failing to enter any land into future agreements and resultant loss of environmental funding. [Martin Down NNR Approval Paper](#)

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. No other sources of funding have been identified that are suitable for this work.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflict of interest declared by an Executive Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision: None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

5.1. None

6. Supporting information:

Approved by:

Date:

11 March 2019

(John Tickle, Assistant Director Culture and Heritage)

On behalf of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services