

## Senior Officer Decision

**Consultative meeting:** Strategic Planning Committee

**Consultative meeting date:** 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022



## Exempt from publication

No

## Beer Quarry and Caves Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Guidance Document

### Links to consultative meeting:

[Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 12th July, 2022, 10.00 am - East Devon](#)

### Recommendation:

The Beer Quarry and Caves Special Area of Conservation Bat Consultation Zones Guidance be endorsed and used to inform decision making within planning proposals and Habitat Regulations Assessments, and that the guidance be published on the Council's Website

### Authority

Decision of Council on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to delegate decision making to officers until 23.59 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 ([Minutes 26th July 2021 Council Meeting](#)). Senior Officer Decision of 10<sup>th</sup> December to extend the arrangements until 23.59 on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 ([Senior Officer Decision Record 10th December 2021](#)). Senior Officer Decision of 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to extend the arrangements until 23.59 on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 ([Senior Officer Decision Record 4th May 2021](#)).

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### Consultations:

I was present at / have watched the recording of the consultative meeting which considered this item

Yes  No

Detail any other consultations carried out:

N/A

**Other considerations:**

Do the legal and finance comments and equalities impact, climate change and risk assessments as detailed in the officer report remain the same.

Yes  No

If no, provide the updated assessment below;

**Decision:**

To agree the recommendation of Strategic Planning Committee.

**Reasons for decision:**

To streamline and standardise HRA decision making between relevant parties.

To increase transparency of decision making.

To provide a tool for applicants to use, to ensure good quality HRA submissions and decrease HRA decision conflicts (i.e., whether or not a HRA is required).

To increase efficiency of HRA decision making, reducing officer time.

To protect and conserve one of East Devon's most valuable Internationally Designated Sites for Nature Conservation and fulfil our biodiversity duties.

Signed .....  ..... Dated 1.8.22

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