

CONSULTATION ON DRAFT MILESTONES STATEMENT & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN ANNUAL REVIEW 2013/14

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consult the Forum on the priorities, targets and service standards to be included in the Milestones Statement & Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan Annual Review 2014/15.

2. **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

2.1 The Council produces a **Milestones Statement & Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan Annual Review**, which sets out priorities, targets and service standards for public rights of way work in the coming year, and reviews progress made in the previous year. The Statement also includes an update on progress with implementation of the Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2005/2015.

2.2 The Milestones Statement helps guide the work of the Council's Public Rights of Way Team, ensures that available resources are directed towards agreed objectives and priorities, and enables effective monitoring of progress.

2.3 The Milestones Statement is scheduled to be submitted to the Council's Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel on **4<sup>th</sup> March 2014**, prior to publication in April 2014. The published Milestones Statement will then be circulated to all members of the Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel, Parish Councils, Local Access Forum members and others with an interest in the public rights of way network, and will also be available in public libraries and Council offices, and will be published on the Borough website.

2.4 The views of the Local Access Forum are requested on the following:

- Priorities for 2014/15: Are there any recommended changes to the priorities listed in the current 2013/14 Milestones Statement (see Appendix A)?
- Milestones Targets for 2014/15: Are there any recommended changes to the Milestones Targets listed in the current 2013/14 Milestones Statement (see Appendix A)?
- Service Standards for 2014/15: Are there any recommended changes to the Service Standards listed in the 2013/14 Milestones Statement (see Appendix A)?

Progress towards the Milestones Targets in the current year (up to 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2013) is set out in Appendix B (*to be tabled at the meeting*) and could be used as a guide to setting the targets for 2014/15.

**MAKING YOUR COMMENTS**: Any comments or recommendations agreed by the Forum at its meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December will be incorporated into a report to the March 2014 Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel as "Local Access Forum comments or recommendations". If individual Forum members wish to submit their own comments, these should be made in writing by **10<sup>th</sup> January 2014**, for inclusion in the Panel report as individual comments.