



Report for: INFORMATION
Item Number:TBC

Contains Confidential or Exempt Information	NO
Title	PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY: 6-MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT
Responsible Officer(s)	Stephen Brown, Head of Highways and Engineering
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For Consideration By	Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel
Date to be Considered	8 th September 2011
Affected Wards	All

Report Summary
 This report updates the Panel on progress made with Public Rights of Way issues during the period from 1st February to 1st August 2011. The Progress Report is attached as Appendix 1.

6-monthly Progress Reports are submitted to the Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel in March and September each year, and are also sent to all members of the borough's Local Access Forum.

It is recommended that the Panel note the report.

If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit?	
Benefits to residents and reasons why they will benefit	Dates by which they can expect to notice a difference
Effective monitoring of the Council's performance in providing the Public Rights of Way service.	n/a (information report only)

Details of Recommendations: That the Panel note the report.

Financial Details: impact on the budget: none (information report only).

Legal implications: none (information report only).

Value For Money: effective monitoring of the Council's Public Rights of Way Service ensures that good value for money is achieved in meeting agreed objectives.

Sustainability Impact Appraisal: effective management of the public rights of way network has a positive impact on sustainable transport by encouraging alternative forms of transport to the car.

Risk Management: none (information report only).

Links to Strategic Objectives: effective management of the public rights of way network has a positive impact on healthy lifestyles by encouraging walking and cycling.

Equalities, Human Rights and Community Cohesion: the Progress Report refers to a number of initiatives aimed at improving access to the countryside for people with disabilities or restricted mobility, the elderly and people with young children or pushchairs.

Staffing/Workforce and Accommodation implications: none (information report only).

Property and Assets: none (information report only).

Consultation: the Progress Report includes in the minutes of the 5th July meeting Local Access Forum, a statutory consultative Forum established under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

Timetable for Implementation: none (information report only).

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Public Rights of Way: 6-monthly Progress Report 1st February to 1st August 2011 (attached and published on borough website.)

Background Information: none (information report only).

Consultation

Name of consultee	Post held and Department	Date sent	Date received	See comments in paragraph:
Internal				
Cllr John Stretton	Panel Chairman	12 th August	Briefing 17 th Aug	
Cllr Maureen Hunt	Panel Vice-Chairman	12 th August	Briefing 17 th Aug	
Stephen Brown	Head of Highways & Engineering	12 th August	Briefing 17 th Aug	
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