



Report for: INFORMATION
Item Number:TBC

<b>Contains Confidential or Exempt Information</b>	NO
<b>Title</b>	<b>PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY: 6-MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT</b>
<b>Responsible Officer(s)</b>	Anthony Hurst, Principal Rights of Way Officer Stephen Brown, Head of Highways and Engineering
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<b>For Consideration By</b>	Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel
<b>Date to be Considered</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2012
<b>Affected Wards</b>	All

### Report Summary

This report updates the Panel on progress made with Public Rights of Way issues during the period from 1st August 2011 to 1st February 2012. The Progress Report is attached as Appendix 1. 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.

During the 6-months reporting period the number of outstanding reported problems on public rights of way fell from 304 to 259.

<b>If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit?</b>	
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.	2012/13

**Details of Recommendations:** That the Panel note the report.

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

**Legal implications:** current legal cases are discussed in section 4 of the Progress Report.

**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)

**Property and Assets:** none (information report only).

**Consultation:** the Progress Report includes in the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> December meeting Local Access Forum, a statutory consultative Forum established under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

**Timetable for Implementation:** 2012/13

**Appendices:**

Appendix 1: Public Rights of Way: 6-monthly Progress Report 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012 (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:
<b>Internal</b>				
Cllr John Stretton	Panel Chairman			
Cllr Maureen Hunt	Panel Vice-Chairman		Chairman Briefing 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Stephen Brown	Head of Highways & Engineering	13/02/02		
David Oram	Strategic Director of Environment & Deputy Chief Executive	13/02/02		
Catherine Woodwood and Sean O'Connor	Legal Services	13/02/02	16/02/12 28/02/12	4.3
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