



Report for: DECISION
Item Number: 4

<b>Contains Confidential or Exempt Information</b>	NO
<b>Title</b>	<b>PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY: “MILESTONES STATEMENT 2013/14”</b>
<b>Responsible Officer(s)</b>	Anthony Hurst, Principal Rights of Way Officer Ben Smith, Strategic Manager Highways and Transport
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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 2013
<b>Affected Wards</b>	All

#### Report Summary

This report seeks the Panel’s approval for the “Milestones Statement 2013/14”, attached at Appendix 1, which sets out the Council’s objectives, priorities, targets and service standards for public rights of way work in the coming year.

#### 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
The approved Milestones Statement will ensure that the Council’s Public Rights of Way team will have a clear set of objectives, priorities, and targets for the coming year, as set out on <b>page 9</b> . This will assist in the effective management of the borough’s public rights of way network for the benefit of residents and visitors to the borough.	2013/14

**Details of Recommendations:** That the Panel approve the “Milestones Statement and Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan Annual Review 2013/14”

**Financial Details:** resources available for public rights of way work in 2012/13 are set out on **page 7**, and the proposed objectives and targets for 2013/14 are set out on **page 9**.

**Legal implications:** none.

**Value For Money:** setting clear targets for the Council's Public Rights of Way Service ensures that good value for money is achieved in delivering 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:** the Milestones Statement approach is an efficient and effective way of planning, prioritising and monitoring public rights of way work. Without an approved set of objectives, priorities, targets and service standards for the coming year there is a risk that the quality of service delivery would decline.

**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 Milestones Statement includes 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.

**Property and Assets:** none.

**Consultation:** a consultation on the draft Milestones Targets, priorities and service standards was carried out in December 2012/January 2013. A list of consultees is included on **page 14** of the Milestones Statement.

The Local Access Forum endorsed the targets, priorities and service standards at its meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012, subject to a suggested amendment to Target AN1 to read *"Create 1 new strategic path, either public right of way or permitted, to fill identified gaps in the public rights of way network"*

Sunninghill and Ascot Parish Council has submitted the following comments:

Supports the objectives and targets in the Milestones Statement, and is keen to explore updating and improving the Parish walks leaflet/map.

**Timetable for Implementation: 2013/14**

**Appendices:**

Appendix 1: Draft "Milestones Statement 2013/14" (attached and published on borough website.)

**Background Information:** none.

**Consultation**

<b>Name of consultee</b>	<b>Post held and Department</b>	<b>Date sent</b>	<b>Date received</b>	<b>See comments in paragraph:</b>
<b>Internal</b>				
Cllr John Stretton	Panel Chairman		Briefing 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Cllr Maureen Hunt	Panel Vice-chairman		Briefing 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Ben Smith	Strategic Manager Highways & Transport	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb.		
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