

Report Title:	<b>PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY: “MILESTONES STATEMENT 2019/20”</b>
Contains Confidential or Exempt Information?	NO
Officer reporting:	Anthony Hurst, Parks and Countryside Manager
Meeting and Date:	Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Responsible Officer(s):	Ben Smith, Head of Commissioning-Communities
Wards affected:	All



## REPORT SUMMARY

This report seeks the Panel’s approval for the *“Milestones Statement and Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan Annual Review 2019/20”* 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, and the resources available for delivering this service.

## 1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATION

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rights of Way and Highways Licensing Panel approves the *“Milestones Statement and Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan Annual Review 2019/20”* attached at Appendix 1.

## 2. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION AND OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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.

Option	Comments
Approve the Milestones Statement 2019/20	<b>This is the recommended option</b>
Do not approve the Milestones Statement 2019/20	This option is not recommended.

## 3. KEY IMPLICATIONS

Outcome	Unmet	Met	Exceeded	Significantly Exceeded	Date of delivery
Approval of Milestones Statement 2019/20	n/a	March 2019	n/a	n/a	2019/20

#### **4. FINANCIAL DETAILS / VALUE FOR MONEY**

##### **Financial impact on the budget**

Resources available for public rights of way work in 2019/20 are set out on page 4 of the draft Milestones Statement attached. Setting clear targets for the Council's rights of way team and their partners ensures good value for money is achieved in delivering agreed objectives.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **6. 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.

#### **7. POTENTIAL IMPACTS**

##### **7.1 SUSTAINABILITY**

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, where feasible.

##### **7.2 EQUALITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMMUNITY COHESION**

The Milestones Statement includes a number of initiatives aimed at improving access for people with disabilities or restricted mobility, the elderly and people with young children or pushchairs.

#### **8. CONSULTATION**

8.1 **The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Access Forum** considered and endorsed the targets, objectives and service standards set out in the draft Milestones Statement at its meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

8.2 **Consultation response from Hurley Parish Council**  
Hurley Parish Council was supportive of the draft and the wider work of the Public Rights of Way Team.

#### **9. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

2019/20

#### **10. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1: Draft Milestones Statement 2019/20.

## 11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

## 12. CONSULTATION (MANDATORY)

<b>Name of consultee</b>	<b>Post held</b>	<b>Date sent</b>	<b>Commented &amp; returned</b>
Cllr Maureen Hunt	Panel Chairman	08/02/19 (for briefing 13/02/18)	13/02/18
Ben Smith	Head of Commissioning- Communities	08/02/19	-

## REPORT HISTORY

<b>Decision type:</b> Non-key decision	<b>Urgency item?</b> No
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