

Report for:
ACTION



Contains Confidential or Exempt Information	NO
Title	PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY: "MILESTONES STATEMENT 2016/17"
Responsible Officer(s)	Ben Smith, Head of Highways and Transport
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For Consideration By	Rights of Way and Highway Licensing Panel
Date to be Considered	10 th March 2016
Implementation Date if Not Called In	N/A
Affected Wards	All

REPORT SUMMARY

This report seeks the Panel's approval for the "Milestones Statement 2016/17", 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 residents 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 page 6 of the draft Statement. 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.	2016/17

1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATION

That the Panel approve the "Milestones Statement and Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan Annual Review 2016/17"

2. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) 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 2016-17	This is the recommended option
Do not approve the Milestones Statement 2016-17	This is not recommended.

3. KEY IMPLICATIONS

Defined Outcomes	Unmet	Met	Exceeded	Significantly Exceeded	Date they should be delivered by
Approval of Milestones Statement 2016-17	<i>n/a</i>	March 2016	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	2016/17

4. FINANCIAL DETAILS

Financial impact on the budget

Resources available for public rights of way work in 2016/17 are set out on page 4 of the draft Milestones Statement attached.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

6. VALUE FOR MONEY

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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. LINKS TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Effective management of the rights of way network has a positive impact on healthy lifestyles by encouraging walking and cycling.

10. 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.

11. STAFFING/WORKFORCE AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS

None.

12. PROPERTY AND ASSETS

None.

13. ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None.

14. CONSULTATION

The Local Access Forum considered the Milestones Statement targets, priorities and service standards at its meeting held on 11th November, and made some recommendations as set out in the draft Statement attached at Appendix 1.

15. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

2016-17

16. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Draft Milestones Statement 2016/17.

17. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

None

18. CONSULTATION

Name of consultee	Post held and Department	Date sent	Date received	See comments in paragraph:
Internal				
Cllr Maureen Hunt	Panel Chairman	12 Feb 2016	25 Feb 2016	Throughout report
Cllr Clive Bullock	Panel Vice-Chair	12 Feb 2016	25 Feb 2016	Throughout report
Ben Smith	Head of Highways and Transport	12 Feb 2016	-	-

REPORT HISTORY

Decision type:	Urgency item?
Non-key decision	No

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