

REPORT FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER

TO: COUNCIL

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**COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS STRATEGY 2019–2023
AND REVISED PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval from Members for both the strategy and the enforcement policy documents to be formally adopted by the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the strategy and the policy document be approved for adoption by full Council.

ISSUE

1. The Council's last Countryside Access Strategy ran from 2014 to 2018. The Council's current Public Rights of Way Enforcement policy is dated January 2013.
2. There have been significant changes in the delivery of the Countryside Access Service since the predecessor documents were drafted.
3. Members are therefore asked to consider the new documents with a view to them becoming the adopted strategy and policy of the Council with respect to countryside access matters.
4. The proposed Countryside Access Strategy is attached as Appendix 1 and the proposed Enforcement Policy as Appendix 2.
5. This is a "Strong Services" Action in the Service Plan for Environmental Services.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: The current strategy expired at the end of last year (the enforcement policy does not have an end date).

Financial: None arising directly from the report.

Legal: None arising directly from the report.

Risk Management: None arising directly from the report.

Health and Safety: None arising directly from the report.

Sustainability: None arising directly from the report.

Community Safety: None arising directly from the report.

Equality and Diversity: None arising directly from the report.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Draft Countryside Access Strategy 2019–23.

Appendix 2: Draft Public Rights of Way Enforcement Policy 2019.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.