

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS**TERMS OF REFERENCE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform Committee of the implications of the changes to its terms of reference.

Information and Advice

2. At its Annual Meeting on 15th May 2014, the County Council agreed to dissolve the Authority's Rights of Way Committee. It was considered that it would be more efficient for its functions to be undertaken by other Committees.
3. As the Culture Committee is already responsible for country parks, open spaces and other countryside services, it was recommended and subsequently approved by Council that the terms of reference of the Culture Committee be changed to also include common land and town or village greens.
4. It was also recommended and approved by Council to transfer responsibility for land management and permissive path agreements, and non-statutory public access routes (i.e. former mineral railway lines), to the Culture Committee.
5. A report will be presented to Culture Committee at its meeting on 21st October 2014 outlining its new responsibilities.
6. Prior to this meeting members must undergo a training session before they can vote on commons and village or town green matters.
7. The training will cover the relevant legislation and what factors Committee members must consider when making quasi-judicial decisions.

Other Options Considered

8. Consideration was given to allocating the responsibilities of the Rights of Way Committee in a different manner but it was felt that the approved reallocation of responsibilities was the most efficient.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. This report is for noting only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) It is recommended that Committee note the contents of the report.

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Constitutional Comments

11. As this report is for noting only no comments are required.

Financial Comments

12. As this report is for noting only no comments are required.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All