

16th December 2014**Agenda Item:5****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS****COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS (DEFINITIVE MAP) SCHEDULE OF CASE FILES****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an update to Planning and Licencing Committee members on the progress of Definitive Map case files.

Information and Advice

2. This report covers the period April 2013 – November 2014. The report provides members with an update on the range of applications which are presently being processed, and identifies any developments which have taken place in connection with the cases.
3. Appendix 1 sets out the existing caseload in tabular form, and indicates the stage which has been reached for each individual case. Appendix 2 provides an update on Definitive Map activities since April 2013. This includes Modification Orders made and confirmed, public inquiries held, the correction of legal anomalies, and proposals to create new routes and divert existing paths.
4. The current backlog of claims for public rights of way is 214 paths. This includes 38 new individual path claims received since April 2014. However, path claims are usually grouped into one legal order or case therefore the backlog of 214 paths equates to 72 individual outstanding cases.

Statutory and Policy Implications

5. 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 the contents of this report be noted.

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Constitutional Comments

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

Financial Comments

7. 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