

Monmouthshire

Local Access Forum

AGENDA ITEM: 4

**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION PAPER:
TAKING FORWARD WALES' SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCE**

MEETING: MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

DATE: 7 SEPTEMBER 2017

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To allow the Local Access Forum to formulate a response to the Consultation Paper.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 For the Forum's consideration and views.

3. BACKGROUND:

- 3.1 Welsh Government has published a Consultation Paper on the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources which includes proposals relating to access to the outdoors, building on the previous Green Paper. Consultation responses are requested by 30 September 2017.
- 3.2 The full document can be viewed here:
<https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/taking-forward-wales-sustainable-management-natural-resources>
- 3.3 Section 4: Access to Outdoors is appended for ease of use, including the identified proposals and the consultation questions. Note that there may be other parts of the consultation paper which although not directly related to outdoor recreation may also interest LAF members including Chapter 2: Forestry and Chapter 3: Designated Landscapes.
- 3.4 The Consultation paper includes specific proposals in respect of the regulations and guidance for Local Access Forums and John Morgan the National Representative, Chairs of Welsh Local Access Forums, has drafted a response on behalf of the LAF Chairs. That draft is also appended for information.
- 3.5 The Forum's views are sought to inform a response.

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Monmouthshire Local Access Forum

AGENDA ITEM: 5

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS

MEETING: MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

DATE: 7 SEPTEMBER 2017

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To inform the Local Access Forum of two consultations:
 - (a) Proposed Glastir Scheme Permissive Access: Penallt
 - (b) Herefordshire Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan Review

2. RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 For the Forum's consideration and views.

3. BACKGROUND:

(a) Glastir

- 3.1 Requests by landowners who wish to add permissive access under a Glastir agri-environment scheme application require support by the local access forum, consequently the forum has a role in assessing any such requests.
- 3.2 A request has been received from a landowner at Penallt for the forum to assess their proposal for permissive access.
- 3.3 The forum has previously dealt with such a request by forming a sub group who were able to visit the site, meet the landowner and then assess the proposal. If agree the sub group will need to be convened shortly to allow the landowner to meet the Glastir application deadline.

(b) Herefordshire ROWIP

- 3.4 Herefordshire Council is reviewing its Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) as it is required to do in accordance with the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
- 3.5 Herefordshire Council's explanatory text states:

"The current ROWIP was produced in 2007 with assistance from many individuals, groups and organisations and set out the Council's priorities for its public path network over a 10 year period. The Council is required to periodically review its plan and to further consult on it. A new ROWIP has been drafted with the help of Herefordshire's Local Access Forum. It is intended that any changes made are light touch, bringing the document up to date and reflecting new aims

and priorities. The assessments referred to reflect conclusions drawn from previously collected data that supported the original Plan.”

3.6 The Plan is available to view at herefordshire.gov.uk/consultations. The closing date for receipt of any comments or observations is 10th November 2017.

3.7 The forum may wish to consider how it would prefer to respond.

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