

Monmouthshire

Local Access Forum

AGENDA ITEM: 5

SUBJECT: MONLIFE

MEETING: MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

DATE: 10 JULY 2019

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To update the Local Access Forum on the proposed new delivery model for Tourism, Leisure, Culture & Youth Services, including countryside access services.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 For the Forum's information.

3. BACKGROUND:

- 3.1 As the Forum noted in May 2017 and the February 2018 the Council has been considering options for the future delivery of Tourism, Leisure, Cultural & Youth Services (TLCY), including countryside services, countryside access sites and rights of way.
- 3.2 TLCY services are the dominant providers of a whole range of community culture, sports and leisure facilities, from leisure centres and swimming pools, outdoor education, attractions to country parks and rights of way.
- 3.3 After a strategic review Council agreed on 11 April not to progress with externalising Tourism, Culture, Leisure and Youth Services but to retain services in-house with a commitment to a fundamental programme of renewal and transformation.
- 2.2 Council recognises a requirement for a wide-ranging policy review process to be conducted to create an operating environment that optimises the MonLife service group capability of moving to a sustainable model for delivery. This work to be concluded by the Cabinet Member with portfolio by the summer of 2019.
- 2.3 Consequently green infrastructure, rights of way, countryside access sites, play strategy and tourism /destination development will continue to be provided directly by the Council, branded as MonLife, along with leisure, sports, youth offer, outdoor education, museums and attractions, as a service group managed by Monmouthshire County Council.

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