Monmouthshire Local Access Forum

AGENDA ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: UPDATE REPORT

MEETING: MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

DATE: 19 NOVEMBER 2019

1. PURPOSE:

1.1 To update the Local Access Forum on progress on MonLife, Local Access Forum Membership and the proposed Glynwood Road traffic order.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 To approve the draft Local Access Forum's annual report for 2017/18 and 2018/19.

3. BACKGROUND:

3.1 MonLife

Further to the report to the local access forum's last meeting County Council on 19 September 2019 approved the Business Plan for MonLife that sets out the strategic direction and the operating model for MonLife. Subsequently the management structure has been put in place and so the Countryside Access team, including public rights of way and the management of countryside sites forms part of an Environment and Culture service grouping with MonLife.

3.2 Local Access Forum Membership

The advertisement / publicity to recruit members for the next period of office of the forum from the end of January 2020 attracted 14 applications. County Council on 24 October 2019 reappointed those existing members of the forum who had reapplied (Irene Brooke, Anthea Fairey, Shelia Hampshire, Phil Mundell, Mark Storey, David Smith and Anne Underwood) and also appointed Sylvia Fowles. The remaining six applicants (Jenny Crockitt, Gordon Davies, David Farnsworth; Tracy Hook, Shan Lewis and Martin Sweeney) will be interviewed by a panel of nominated members who are delegated to make the final appointments. The County Council also reappointed Cllr Ann Webb as the Council's representative on the forum

It is hoped to complete the appointment process so that the new LAF can meet without a delay following completion of the current LAF's tenure. The members panel is also delegated powers to consider further applications should the new forum asks the County Council to seek additional members to reflect any specific interests felt not to be appropriately represented.

3.3 Proposed Glynwood Road Traffic Order

As part of the proposed Various Roads, County Wide Amendment No.1 of Consolidation Order 2019 the Council has resolved to approve and implement the proposed orders not receiving any objections/representations including Glynwood Road (C53-4), St.Arvans to introduce a Prohibition of Motor Vehicles restriction on part of the road; as discussed at the last local access forum meeting.

4. AUTHOR:

Matthew Lewis LAF Secretary matthewlewis@monmouthshire.gov.uk 01633 644855