

Monmouthshire Local Access Forum

AGENDA ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME / DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

MEETING: MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

DATE: 26 JANUARY 2023

1. PURPOSE:

1.1 To consider the work programme and meeting timetable for the remainder of this LAFs period of appointment.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 To consider the proposed work programme / meeting schedule

3. BACKGROUND:

3.1 The current LAF period of appointment commenced on 24 November 2020 and so will in accordance with the regulations end on 24 November 2023.

3.2 The agreed work programme (approved 26 April 2022) and progress is as follows:

Item	Background	Reporting Arrangements	Progress / Plans
Standard Items:			
Countryside Access Improvement Plan (CAIP)	Progress in implementing the approved CAIP	Regular report	See Delivery Plan – summary report April 23
Performance Measures	MonLife Delivery Plan performance measures of CAMS issues	Regular report	See Delivery Plan – summary report April 23
Funding	Progress on and opportunities for external funded & MCC capital funded countryside access projects programmes	Regular report	CAIP bid reported to LAF April 22
Consultations	Consultations to the LAF on relevant matters as required	Report to LAF	Sustainable Farming Scheme response Nov 22 As required
Natural Resource Wales	Update on forestry operations and access related issues	Regular report	Standing Agenda Item

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(NRW) updates			
Working Groups:			
Improvement subgroup (Proposed)	To be established to support working with local communities to identify future improvements	Regular report	TOR LAF 26 Jan 23
Wentwood subgroup (Proposed)	To seek to re-establish liaison arrangements in respect of Wentwood (with forestry managers and Newport CC)	Report as required	Discussions underway with key stakeholders to re-establish a Wentwood group
Gwent Access Group	To participate in the regional access group	Report as required	Group met July 22; Consultants appointed Nov 22 and workshop planned Feb 23
Work Programme Items			
Definitive Map Modification Order (DDMO) Claims	To review the number of claims and their prioritisation	Report to future meeting	Report to Oct 23 meeting
Welsh Government Access Reform	To receive any updates on progress on the access reforms	Report as required	Updates as received
Wye Valley Unclassified County Roads (UCRs)	To consider the development of an inclusive user-strategy for all lower Wye unclassified county roads and related countryside access network	Report to future meeting	Project Plan / Brief under preparation by AONB: Planned report to LAF April 23
Forest Resource Plans	To participate in the consultation on Natural Resource Wales (NRW) Wye Valley South Forest Resource Plan	Report to future meeting	Potential consultees identified Programme tbc

3.3 Based on this the suggested programme for future meetings and core topics (in addition to regular updates including from sub-groups) is as follows:

April 2023

- Wye Valley Recreational Access Strategy

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- Progress in 22/23 and 23/24 delivery plans
- 2022/23 Annual Report

July 2023

- Gwent Green Corridors Strategic Access Plan
- Recruitment Process for next LAF period

October 2023

- Progress and monitoring reports

- 3.4 To attempt to avoid a significant gap between meetings the recruitment and appointment process for the new LAF will commence in Summer 2023.

A draft timetable being:

- Advertisement / Notices July / August with September deadline
- Report to Council 26 October 2023 (provisional date)
- Panel interviews as necessary Nov / Dec
- Appointments completed Dec 2023 /Jan 2024
- First meeting January 2024

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