

AGENDA ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: Future work programme

MEETING: MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM 11 June 2024

Below is the work programme taken from the last annual report (2022/23) annotated with progress (in bold). In addition, the Countryside access team is committed to a review of the operation of the prioritisation scheme within 2024/25 (as agreed in a recent internal audit), which will require the forum's input and our focus on bridges, including the additional capital allocation, means it would be timely for the forum to consider the issues and prioritisation of bridges, as this was last reviewed in 2020. Members may wish to add additional items.

Appendix 2: Future Work Programme

| Item | Background | Reporting Arrangements | Progress / Plans |
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| Standard Items: | | | |
| Countryside Access Improvement Plan (CAIP) | Progress in implementing the approved CAIP | Regular report | See Delivery Plan – summary report April 23 23 (Last reported LAF November 2023) |
| 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 23 (Last reported LAF November 2023) |
| Consultations | Consultations to the LAF on relevant matters as required | Report to LAF | Sustainable Farming Scheme response Nov 22 As required |
| Natural Resource Wales (NRW) updates | Update on forestry operations and access related issues | Regular report | Standing Agenda Item |

| Working Groups: | | | |
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| Improvement subgroup (Proposed) | To be established to support working with local communities to identify future improvements | Regular report | TOR LAF 26 Jan 23 (report to LAF 11 June 24) |
| 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 (Not progressed) |
| 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 (Last reported LAF November 2023) |
| 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 |