

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	7 December 2009
Report of:	Mike Taylor, Green Spaces Manager
Subject/Title:	Update on development of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (2011-2026) within the Local Transport Plan 3

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update to Members on the development of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) (2011-2026) within the context of the Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3).

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 No decision is required by Members at present.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All.

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 All Members.

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate Change - Health

- 6.1 As previously reported, the development of the ROWIP is aligned with the health and wellbeing objectives and priorities of the Council as stated in the Corporate Plan (2.1.1 Encouraging healthier lifestyles), the Local Area Agreement (National Indicator 8 Adult participation in sport and active recreation) and the Health and Wellbeing Service commitment to the Change4Life initiative.
- 6.2 In addition, the ROWIP, as an integrated part of the LTP3, will be set within the context of the Local Area Agreement indicators concerning air quality and CO₂ emissions.

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

7.1 None arising.

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and Beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

8.1 Some consultation costs during the current financial year are anticipated, as yet unknown.

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

9.1 As previously reported, it is a statutory duty under section 60 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 for every local highway authority to prepare and publish a Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

9.2 Non compliance with the requirement for the full integration of the ROWIP with the LTP3 could result in criticism from statutory monitoring bodies and agencies.

10.0 Risk Management

10.1 No matters arising.

11.0 Background and Options

11.1 The background to the ROWIP has been reported to previous meetings of the Committee.

11.2 An initial meeting of Elected Members and officers from across the Council was held on 30th October 2009 to launch the process of developing the ROWIP. Representatives attended from sections of the Council including strategic highways, highways operations, climate change, school travel team, development control, visitor economy and adult services. A member of the Cheshire Local Access Forum was also in attendance. The meeting was used to establish the linkages with other strategies and plans and to raise the profile and potential of the ROWIP across the organisation.

11.3 The project management framework for the ROWIP project is being developed presently and will include a steering group of elected members who sit on this Committee.

11.4 The role of this Committee will therefore be to sign off the draft ROWIP strategy document for the period 2011-2026. It is anticipated that this document will be presented to the Committee in autumn 2010. The Committee will also be asked to sign off the draft ROWIP implementation plan for the delivery of projects for the period 2011-

2014 which it is anticipated will be presented to the Committee in early 2011.

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

12.1 Not applicable.

13.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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