

APPENDIX 1

SECTION 3: NATIONAL TARGET 2: "PROPERLY MAINTAINED"

Component Task		Source			Achievements April 2010 to March 2011	Targets 2011/12
No	Measure of Success					
3.1	All footpaths, bridleways and byways correctly signposted where they leave a metalled road.	C/side Act 68 NERC Act 06			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 144 signs erected across the borough. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of additional signs and replacement signs following loss and damage to ensure the requirements of Countryside act 1968 s 27 are fulfilled.
3.2	All PROW clear of obstructions, misleading notices, other hindrances or impediments to use.	HA 80 s130			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement actions saw 17 notices served for cropping and 3 for general obstruction. Additionally 37 "seven day" warnings were issued in relation to cropping offences. Officers have been involved in the removal of obstructions in 1 case where the offender did not comply with the enforcement notice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended protocols on enforcement (approved by ROW Committee June 2009) promoted/distribution to landowners. Carry out necessary enforcement work in line with adopted protocols to ensure that the duty set out in Highways act 1980 is fulfilled.
3.3	Bridges, stiles, gates etc are in place where required; all are safe and convenient to use.	HA 80 s41 and s146			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In East Cheshire 253 stiles, 82 gates and 41 bridges have been installed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renew and repair structures to ensure that they adequately allow the public to access all public paths in Cheshire East. Assist owners and occupiers to repair and replace stiles and gates on public rights of way. Replace structures with less limiting barriers wherever possible in line with ROWIP policies, DDA and Equality Act 2010.
3.4	Surface of every PROW is in proper repair, reasonably safe	HA 80 s41			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A routine maintenance programme is in operation and 439 paths across the borough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The routine maintenance programme will be extended as new paths requiring routine maintenance are

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	and suitable for the expected use.				<p>were subject to routine strimming/ tractor flailing at least once during the growing season with many cut more frequently. This comprises 118.2 km of network.</p> <p>Special projects facilitated with additional funding from other departments and as part of ROWIP implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bunbury FP10: General surface repairs Wisaston FP1 & FP2: General surface repairs Shavington FP8: General surfacing repairs Wirswall BR 10 & 11: Drainage and resurfacing works Baddiley FP16: Drainage and resurfacing works Congleton FP 67 & 70: Reopened Macclesfield FP7: Resurfacing Tabley Superior FP6: Boardwalk Prestbury FP5: Boardwalk Mobberley RB 1: Surfacing Wilmslow RB 3: Surfacing Poynton RB52: Surfacing 	<p>encountered (e.g. paths created through ROWIP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers will continue to work with colleagues in other departments and other partners in order to facilitate additional funding for special projects in relation to rights of way wherever possible.
3.5	All PROW inspected regularly by or on behalf of the authority.	HA 80 s58			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The path inspection regime has ceased since the loss of the two Assistant Rights of Way Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maintenance officers will continue to hold bi-annual meetings with the relevant representatives of

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					<p>posts in the team in 2007 who acted as path inspectors. It has not been possible to continue the survey in such a systematic and meticulous fashion as previously. Bridges continue to be surveyed, but paths in general do not. This could result in a lack of a legal defence to claim(s) for personal injury.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All maintenance officers hold bi-annual meetings with the relevant representative of the walking and equestrian user groups to agree priorities for work. 	<p>the walking, equestrian and other user groups to agree work priorities and to discuss the results of the survey work carried out by these groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed volunteer survey scheme to be implemented on a pilot basis in 5 parishes.
3.6	The authority is able to protect and assert the public's rights and meet other statutory duties (e.g. to ensure compliance with the Rights of Way Act 1990).	HA 80 s130			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All cropping obstructions were responded to within 4 weeks of reporting. A new 'response time' standard for dealing with different sorts of complaints in relation to PROW issues was implemented in 2010. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to adhere to the response times set out in the new standard.
3.7	Waymarks or signposts are provided at necessary locations and are adequate to assist users. Waymarking scheme/initiative in place.	C/side Act 1968 s27			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waymarking is undertaken by staff and contractors as appropriate. Additionally waymarkers are provided to partners such as Mid-Cheshire Footpaths Society and the Ramblers' Association to enable them to replace missing and damaged waymarkers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waymarking and signposting will be undertaken as appropriate.