

**MEETING : CHESHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**  
**DATE : 18 JUNE 2010**

**REPORT OF : COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS**  
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## **RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN - CURRENT PROJECTS**

1 The Countryside Access Development Officers are engaged in a wide range of activities which includes, but is not solely confined to, the implementation of the ROWIP priorities identified during the 2005/6 consultation process.

2 The identification of projects is often the result of working with partners or following up suggestions where an amount of ground work has already been done at a local level. This is sometimes at the expense of pursuing projects from the existing dataset of ROWIP suggestions, but has advantages in terms of funding opportunities and joint working.

## **DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHESHIRE EAST ROWIP2**

3 The new Cheshire East ROWIP is being developed, in line with the Local Transport Plan 3. It will comprise a 15 year strategy covering 2011-2026 and 3-year implementation plans. A consultation process for the ROWIP has been developed spanning the spring, summer and autumn of this year. This work includes engagement through Town and Parish Councils, Local Area Partnerships, web based consultation and direct contact with user groups and the wider public. Consultation is initially concentrating on confirmation that the priorities for the ROWIP identified for the County Council plan remain valid for Cheshire East. In addition, suggestions for improvements to Rights of Way which offer an active travel route are being sought. The questionnaire seeking this input is appended and is available online at [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/prow](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/prow).

## **DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER ROWIP2**

4. A report is appended.

## **RECOMMENDED:**

**That:**

- **the report be noted; and,**
- **Members of the Forum, and their wider networks, be encouraged to feedback into the consultation on the priorities for the Cheshire East Rights of Way Improvement Plan.**