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South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum Meeting

A meeting of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum will be held on **Wednesday, 24 January 2018 at 2.00 pm in Council Chamber, South Kesteven District Council, St Peter's Hill, Grantham, Lincs NG31 6PZ** for the transaction of business set out on the attached Agenda.

Yours sincerely

Tony McArdle
Chief Executive

Membership of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum

Councillor Bob Adams, (Lincolnshire County Council)
Councillor Ray Wootten, (Lincolnshire County Council)
Councillor Gale Waller, (Rutland County Council)
John Law, (Other Interests) (Vice-Chairman)
William Cross, (Landowners)
Rosemary Harris, (Landowners)
Alec Hill, (Users of Local Rights of Way)
Peter Hinton JP MBA, (Users of Local Rights of Way)
John Williams, (Users of Local Rights of Way)
Ian Cox, (Other Interests)
Roger Linford, (Other Interests)
Barbara Smitheringale, (Other Interests)
3 Vacancies (Land Owners)
2 Vacancies (Users of Local Rights of Way)
1 Vacancy (Other Interests)

**SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE AND RUTLAND LOCAL ACCESS FORUM AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2018**

Item	Title	Report Reference
1	Apologies for Absence/Replacement Members	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting of the Local Access Forum held on 25 October 2017	(Pages 5 - 12)
3	Actions Arising from the meeting held on 25 October 2017	
4	Countryside For All <i>(To receive a report by John Law (Vice-Chairman))</i>	(Pages 13 - 18)
5	Woodland Trust <i>(To receive a presentation from the Woodland Trust)</i>	
6	Update on the Eyebrook Reservoir - Access for Walkers <i>(To receive an update from John Law (Vice-Chairman))</i>	(Verbal Report)
7	Recruitment <i>(To receive a report by Chris Miller (Team Leader for Countryside Services)) on the appointment to vacancies on both Local Access Forums)</i>	(Verbal Report)
8	Definitive Map Modification Orders - Ongoing	
9	Water Rail Path - Horse Riding Rights <i>(This item has been raised by Roger Linford who questions why horse riding rights were never incorporated in the Water Rail Path)</i>	(Verbal Report)
9a	Lincolnshire County Council <i>(To receive a report by Chris Miller (Team Leader for Countryside Services))</i>	(Pages 19 - 24)
9b	Rutland County Council <i>(To receive a report by Stuart Crook (Public Rights of Way Officer))</i>	(Pages 25 - 26)
10	Public Path Orders and Progress Report	
10a	Lincolnshire County Council <i>(To receive a report by Chris Miller (Team Leader for Countryside Services))</i>	(Pages 27 - 30)
10b	Rutland County Council <i>(To receive a report by Stuart Crook (Public Rights of Way Officer))</i>	(Pages 31 - 32)
11	Rights of Way Improvement Plan - Update	
11a	Lincolnshire County Council <i>(To receive an update by Chris Miller (Team Leader for Countryside Services))</i>	(Verbal Report)

11b Rutland County Council

(To receive an update by Stuart Crook (Public Rights of Way Officer))

(Verbal Report)

12 Dates and Times of Future Meetings

(Future meetings of the Local Access Forum are scheduled to be held on the following dates and times: -

- *18 April 2018 at 6.00 pm –Stamford;*
- *11 July 2018 at 6.00 pm – TBC;*
- *24 October 2018 at 6.00 pm – Rutland County Council, Oakham)*

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Meeting held in Council Chamber, Rutland County Council, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6HP at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR R WOOTTEN (CHAIRMAN)

Representing Lincolnshire County Council: Councillor B Adams and R Wootten

Representing Rutland County Council: Councillor Councillor Gale Waller.

Representing Independent Members: John Law, John Williams, Ian Cox, Roger Linford and Barbara Smitheringale

Officers: Stuart Crook (Public Rights of Way Officer), Cheryl Hall (Democratic Services Officer) and Chris Miller (Team Leader for Countryside Services).

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from William Cross, Rosemary Harris, Alec Hill and Peter Hinton.

15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM HELD ON 12 JULY 2017

AGREED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2017 be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

16 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 12 JULY 2017

Further to Minute 6 – *Eyebrook Reservoir – Access for Walkers*, the Vice-Chairman tabled a set of notes from a meeting which was held with representatives from Tata Steel and Fishery Management UK Ltd on 19 October 2017, concerning access for walkers at Eyebrook Reservoir.

The Forum was advised that there were a number of issues to address before the groups, other than the Eyebrook Fishing Permit Holders, were allowed to walk in the reservoir grounds. These included: Fishery Management UK checking its public liability insurance to ensure it was acceptable that a third party could walk in the reservoir grounds. There was also the necessity to create the processes and maps of the routes. Any walking groups wishing to walk round the reservoir would also be required to inform Fishery Management Limited of any issues they found on the routes which may be of concern.

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The Chairman thanked the Vice-Chairman and John Williams for attending the meeting on 19 October 2017. It was agreed that a further update would be provided at the meeting of the Forum on 24 January 2018.

The Forum was advised that the Chairman had written a letter to the chief executives of the seven Lincolnshire district councils and both Lincolnshire and Rutland county councils, highlighting the importance of disabled access both generally and specifically promoting the Changing Places Toilets campaign. It was agreed that a summary of responses would be provided at the meeting of the Forum on 24 January 2018.

In response to a question in relation to the minute on the *English Coast Path* (Minute 9 refers), the Forum was advised that the path did not provide access for equestrians. It was clarified that this had been the intention from the early planning stages. It was agreed that a copy of the written report, as referred to in the minute, would be resent to Roger Linford for information.

17 ASHING LANE NATURE RESERVE

Consideration was given to a verbal update from Chris Miller (Team Leader for Countryside Services), which updated Members on the Ashing Lane Nature Reserve.

The Forum was advised that Lincolnshire County Council had recently discovered that the green lane leading to the Nature Reserve had been badly damaged, making it impassable. The green lane now required significant work, prior to the Nature Reserve being promoted as a place to visit. The Team Leader for Countryside Services was unable to confirm how long it would take for such work to be carried out.

AGREED

That a further update be provided to the Local Access Forum at its meeting on 18 April 2018.

**18 EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL LOCAL ACCESS FORUM CHAIRS
MEETING**

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank the Vice-Chairman for attending meetings of the East Midlands Regional Local Access Forum Chairs' Meeting.

The Vice-Chairman advised that it had been agreed that the East Midlands Regional Local Access Forum Chairs' Meeting to continue to meet on a six monthly basis.

It was reported at the Chairs' Meeting that there had not been an appetite from any of the regional local access forums to establish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO), and the reasons for this were explained to the Forum. The Forum reiterated that it did not deem it necessary itself to establish a CIO for Lincolnshire and Rutland.

AGREED

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- (1) That the Forum's Secretary be requested to email the Forum the minutes from the East Midlands Regional Local Access Forum Chairs' Meeting, once they were made available.
- (2) That the update be noted.

19 RUTLAND MEETING

The Vice-Chairman advised that a meeting had recently been held to discuss any local access forum issues relating to Rutland, and the notes of the meeting would be emailed to Members for their information.

It was noted that Rutland County Council was currently undertaken a review of the Oakham Town Centre. The outcome of the review would be available in early 2018. Details of the public consultation could be found at: <https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-community/roads-and-highways/oakham-town-centre/>

AGREED

That the update be noted.

20 COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL

Consideration was given to a report from the Vice-Chairman of the Local Access Forum, which provided an update on the work of the Countryside for All Sub-Group.

The report provided Members of the Forum with an update on the following areas: -

- Volunteers;
- Countryside for All routes;
- Miles without stiles routes;
- Inclusive countryside access course;
- Nineveh Charitable Trust's visit;
- Dementia Friendly Walks – Rutland;
- Choice Unlimited Event;
- Sensory Trails and Green Spaces;
- North Sea Observatory.

A discussion took place regarding the need for volunteers on the Countryside for All Sub-Group, where it was emphasised that it should be made clear what the role would involve so that individuals knew what they were volunteering for, as this could increase the number of volunteers coming forward. Further to this the Forum discussed ways in which it could generally promote such vacancies, including the vacancies on the Local Access Forum and the Rutland Access Group. It was suggested that parish, town and district councils could be utilised in promoting these roles.

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The Team Leader for Countryside Services advised that the Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum had a similar number of vacancies and that a joint recruitment drive could be undertaken to fill the vacancies on both Forums. However, as the Forum did not currently have any representation from the east coast of Lincolnshire, it was suggested that a targeted recruitment drive could be undertaken.

The Local Access Forum supported the proposal within the report for Lincolnshire County Council's logo to be moved to the back of the Countryside for All leaflets, when the leaflets were being paid for by an external sponsor. The Team Leader for Countryside Services advised that this was acceptable, provided that it was in accordance with Lincolnshire County Council's branding policy. It was confirmed that the Mid-Lincolnshire Local Access Forum had also supported this proposal. It was agreed that an item on recruitment would be presented to the Forum at its meeting 24 January 2018.

The itinerary for the Nineveh Trust's visit was discussed and it was agreed that it would be finalised by the Vice-Chairman and Councillor Gale Waller. An update would be provided to the Forum at its next meeting on 24 January 2018.

The Forum was advised that unfortunately the North Sea Observatory had not incorporated changing places toilets into the design. The Vice-Chairman had contacted Chapel St Leonards Parish Council to explore whether it was possible for the building currently housing the café to include a changing places toilet when the café ceases to trade. It was noted that the Parish Council would be considering an item on Changing Places Toilets at its next scheduled meeting.

The Forum was advised that there was need for Changing Places Toilets at Rutland Water. The Vice-Chairman had drafted a letter, which was detailed within the report, to the Chief Executive Officer at Anglian Water on this issue and the Forum was asked to comment on its content. The Forum supported the letter being issued, subject to some minor amendments being made. It was agreed that the Forum's Secretary would make the necessary amendments, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Members of the Forum were asked to recommend organisations to promote the Accessibility Guide for North East Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire, as referred to in the report. The Chambers of Commerce and the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership were suggested as possible organisations. It was suggested to focus on a specific area within North East Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire, the coastal highway was cited as a potential area, otherwise the scope of the work could become unmanageable. It was requested that the Vice-Chairman provided a further update at a future meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Vice-Chairman for his comprehensive report.

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- (1) That an item on *Recruitment* be added to the agenda for the meeting on 24 January 2018.
- (2) That the proposal within the report for Lincolnshire County Council's logo to be moved to the back of the Countryside for All leaflets, when the leaflets were being paid for by an external sponsor, be supported.
- (3) That the Forum receives further updates on the Nineveh Trust's visit; Change Places Toilets and the promotion of accessibility guides at its meeting on 24 January 2018.
- (4) That the content of the draft letter as detailed within the report be supported, subject to some minor amendments being made by the Secretary, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

21 CHOICE UNLIMITED - THE WAY FORWARD

A report from John Law (Vice-Chairman) was considered, which provided an update on the Choice Unlimited events in Rutland and Spalding.

The report proposed the establishment of two working groups: Rutland Choice Unlimited Working Group and a Spalding Choice Unlimited Working Group. The Forum suggested and agreed that only one working group be established, which covered both events. However, any funding received and all correspondence would be kept separate to avoid any confusion.

Draft letters to prospective sponsors for the events were detailed within the report and the Forum's comments were sought on their content. The Forum supported the content of the letters, subject to minor amendments being made. It was agreed that the Forum's Secretary would make the necessary amendments to the letters, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

AGREED

- (1) That a Choice Unlimited Working Group be established.
- (2) That the content of the draft letters, as detailed within the report, be supported subject to some minor amendments being made by the Secretary, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

22 TESCO BAGS OF HELP FUND

Consideration was given to a report from John Law (Vice-Chairman), which provided the Local Access Forum with an update on Tesco Bags of Help Fund.

The Forum was reminded that for the last three years, funding had been applied for to purchase I-Spy in the Countryside booklets. Initially 70 copies had been purchased to see if it would encourage children and adults with autism and learning disabilities to venture out and enjoy the countryside. It was hoped that Tesco Bags of

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Help fund might fund the project by providing funding for up to £1000, £2000 or £4000. The report proposed ways in which the funding could be spent, dependent on the amount received.

It was noted that the application for funding would be voted on by the Tesco in Rutland.

AGREED

That the proposals for how the funding could be spent if received, as detailed in the report, be supported.

23 DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDERS - ONGOING

23a Lincolnshire County Council

Consideration was given to a report from Lincolnshire County Council, which provided an update on the progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders currently being progressed.

In response to a question, it was reported that the track joining the Grantham Canal would not form part of the Definitive Map Modification Orders, as no claim had been made. However, declaration of status would be sought.

AGREED

That the report be noted.

23b Rutland County Council

Consideration was given to a report from Rutland County Council, which provided an update on the progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders currently being progressed.

The Public Rights of Way Officer advised that a representative of a national user group had raised an issue nationally over when an Order was sealed, particularly whether an Order should be sealed either before or after the Order's Schedule.

Nationally it was clarified that The Wildlife and Countryside (Definitive Maps and Statements) Regulations 1993, schedule 4, stated that the seal should be made after the Order and prior to its Schedule. Therefore, this had impacted on a number of local authorities across the country, including Rutland County Council.

AGREED

That the report be noted.

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24 PUBLIC PATH ORDERS AND PROGRESS REPORT

24a Lincolnshire County Council

Consideration was given to a report from Lincolnshire County Council, which provided an update on the progress of Public Path Orders.

A discussion took place regarding the proposal to extinguish, dedicate and create various Public Rights of Way in Claypole and Stubton parishes, which included a diverted bridleway. It was hoped that this would not become normal practice with bridleways, as each bridleway needed to be looked at on their own individual merits. It was also emphasised that any changes in routes should not have a detrimental effect on accessibility.

The Forum was advised that the County Council was developing a provisional Public Path Order Policy, which would eventually determine the order in which proposals were processed. This would need to be ratified before it could be implemented, and was subject to any changes necessary once regulations in respect of the Deregulation Act 2015 were issued.

AGREED

That the report be noted.

24b Rutland County Council

Consideration was given to a report from Rutland County Council, which provided an update on the progress of Public Path Orders.

The Public Rights of Way Officer and the Team Leader for Countryside Services advised that only those Orders which were of public benefit, were progressed. This was in line with usual practice, and formed part of the respective council's delegated authority to senior officers.

AGREED

That the report be noted.

25 RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN - UPDATE

25a Lincolnshire County Council

The Forum was advised that the Team Leader for Countryside Services had not yet commenced work on the revision of the Lincolnshire Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP). The reason for this was explained to the Forum.

The potential ways in which members of the public could be consulted on the revised ROWIP were discussed. The Forum supported the suggestion that the consultation

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of the revised ROWIP would not be to the same extent as to what was carried out in 2007.

AGREED

That the update be noted.

25b Rutland County Council

The Forum was advised that Rutland County Council had recently reviewed and redrafted its Rutland Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP).

The revised ROWIP was awaiting approval. However, the Forum was advised that it would be consulted within the coming weeks on its content. It was anticipated that the ROWIP would be published on Rutland County Council's website in draft by the end of February 2018.

AGREED

That the update be noted.

26 DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

AGREED

That future meetings of the Local Access Forum be held on the following dates, times and locations: -

- 24 January 2018 at 2.00 pm – South Kesteven District Council, Grantham;
- 18 April 2018 at 6.00 pm – Stamford (venue to be confirmed);
- 11 July 2018 at 6.00 pm – Skegness (venue to be confirmed); and
- 24 October 2018 at 6.00 pm – Rutland County Council, Oakham.

27 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Forum was advised that British Horse Society was holding a Rights of Way training event on 2 December 2017, commencing at 9.00 am. The training was free of charge and open to all members of the Forum, and supporting officers. Further information could be obtained from Roger Linford.

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm.

COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL

Report for Local Access Forum meetings on 23 & 24 January 2018

1. VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are continuing to struggle with our workload and will now have to decline any new projects.

2. COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL ROUTES

2.1. Lincolnshire

We have had further slippage in producing the 5 new route leaflets. This has been due to workload and issues with three of the sites. The issues have now been resolved and the leaflet details will be with the designer/printer by the end of January.

The survey for the Woodhall Spa Airfield route is now planned for February this year.

Unfortunately we did not win our funding application to the Police Mutual. So we still have the issue of raising £1020 to restock 12 route leaflets. The £1020 is required to enable us to have 1000 copies of each of the 12 route leaflets. We are currently applying for the Big Lottery Awards For All grant and the request for funding these route leaflets will be part of that application.

We are still investigating if we can attract a sponsor to fund all future design, artwork and printing of all Lincolnshire and Rutland route leaflets and folders. An annual sum of £2000 is required. As stated in the last report if we can get a sponsor to support us in this area, this will help our workload as we will not need to complete as many funding applications. It will also help ensure leaflets never go out of stock. We need to make sponsoring the leaflets an attractive proposition for potential sponsors. If we offer future sponsors the opportunity of having their logo on the front of future leaflets and folders, it could be seen as an excellent way of promoting businesses. This could also enable both County Councils to manage the stock levels in their storage space. We need professional help in how we promote this to potential sponsors. We would appreciate it if the County Councils could provide us with guidance from one of their officers in the relevant department.

The quote for undertaking the survey work at the Coastal Country Park for the four Countryside For All route leaflets, has been sent to Lincolnshire County Council. Lincolnshire County Council may include this together with the production of leaflets, in with a funding bid to the East Coast Community Fund. If the funding application

does not go ahead, the sub group will consider how and if to take this forward independently.

ACTION: Chris Miller/Stuart Crook – Please identify a County Council department/officer to provide guidance on attracting sponsorship for Countryside For All surveying, leaflets and folders.

2.2. Rutland

A member of the LAF led a walk for the Rutland Disabled Youth Forum (RDYF) at the Countryside For All route at the Rutland Water Nature Reserve in 2017. The Public Liability Insurance was provided by Rutland CC Aiming High team. There were some issues of concern along the route. We have arranged a site meeting for 10th January with Anglian Water, Rutland Disabled Youth Forum and ourselves to discuss these issues.

ACTION: John Law – Provide a verbal update in relation to the Rutland Water Nature Reserve site meeting.

3. INCLUSIVE COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS COURSE

The course was held at Whisby 23rd November. The delegates included 10 officers of the Woodland Trust, 2 from Anglian Water , 1 from the Lodge Trust and a member of the Mid Lincolnshire LAF. A summary of the course feedback survey appears below:

	Poor	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent
Course content	0	0	3	11
Course presentation	0	1	3	10
Course material	0	0	7	7
Venue	0	0	3	11

The detailed feedback comments will be passed round at the LAF meeting.

The above will be part of our feedback to the Nineveh Charitable Trust.

4. NINEVEH CHARITABLE TRUST'S VISIT

Further thought has been given to the invitation to the Nineveh Charitable Trust's visit. We will be applying to the Trust for funding for the Spalding Choice Unlimited event, this is detailed in item 5, in this report. The Trust having a display at the Spalding event would add value to the event. It would help promote the Trust and it would also give other organisations the opportunity to talk about funding with them. Being part of the event will also give the Trust an insight to the work we are doing and what we are achieving through their funding. So instead of inviting the Trust to

attend as a visitor, we will give them the opportunity to attend as either a visitor or exhibitor.

As stated in the previous report we will also invite the Trust to Oakham. This is to enable them to see how their funding has and is making a difference to people with disabilities. This will be supplemented by a visit to the Lodge Trust to discuss a joint project at the site which we hope the Nineveh Charitable Trust will fund.

5. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY WALKS – RUTLAND

A very constructive meeting was held with Robert Clayton (RCC) at the Oakham Castle Grounds in relation to making them more accessible and the sensory planting scheme. We have arranged for Dementia Adventure to provide free advice for the planting design.

6. FUNDING BIDS

We are currently applying to the Big Lottery Fund – Awards For All, for the Spalding and Rutland Choice Unlimited event. We are also applying for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust to partially fund either this or next year's Spalding Choice Unlimited event. This is dependent on the outcome of the application to the Big Lottery. The application to the Tesco Bags of Help fund has been put on hold until the other funding applications are completed.

7. CHOICE UNLIMITED EVENT

7.1. In term time or outside term time

The Rutland Choice Unlimited event was held during term time in 2017. One of the reasons for this, was to attract special schools to visit the event, to enable children to learn of the opportunities available to them. A member of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum is concerned about the damage to children's education, by taking children out of school on educational organised school trips during term time. Whilst most members felt this was not the case, without evidence it could not be proven whether taking children out of school during term time damaged their education. In order to find evidence, two days research was spent by a member of the Countryside For All sub group. The evidence gathering included talking to individuals who work with children in special needs schools in counties other than Lincolnshire and Rutland, phone conversations with the Department of Education, examining Department of Education reports and examining material on the internet. The outcome was that there was no evidence that taking children out of school on educational school trips during term time damaged their education. There was substantial evidence proving that taking children out of school on educational organised school trips during term time added value to classroom lessons.

As mentioned before, the Choice Unlimited events can substantially help improve the lives of children and adults with disabilities.

Whilst at the South Holland Health and Wellbeing meeting a presentation was delivered by Sally Stanfield, Lincolnshire Young Carers Service (LCC). Following a separate conversation with Sally, it was felt there is a need for young carers to be given the opportunity to attend the Choice unlimited event with their family. These young carers would be attending main stream schools. A number of special educational needs and disabled pupils would also be in main stream schools.

It is important that school trips from special schools visit and take part in the Choice Unlimited event. It is also important that children in main stream education have the opportunity to visit the event. The Spalding Choice Unlimited working group are now considering alternating the event annually between in term time and out of term time. They are also considering if the Rutland Choice Unlimited working group adopt the same approach, to hold the event in term time when the Rutland Choice unlimited is held outside term time. This approach could benefit everyone. The Spalding Choice Unlimited working group meeting will be discussing this issue 23rd January. The Rutland Choice Unlimited working group will decide on the way forward with all the facts available.

7.2. Rutland

Due to Rutland County Council leasing the hall at the Active Rutland Hub to another organisation we are not able to use this venue. We are investigating the suitability of the Oakham Rugby Clubhouse and it is felt that this maybe our only option. Unfortunately this is a smaller venue and we want to grow the event. Ideally we would like to have the option of using the Rugby clubhouse and the marquis at the Rutland Show either before or after the event. We have made some enquiries in relation to this but they have not led to a satisfactory outcome. We would like some help with this line of enquiry.

The letters for sponsorship have been sent out. The level of response will be announced at the LAF meeting.

ACTION: All – Please assist with sourcing a suitable venue for the Rutland 2019 Choice Unlimited event.

Cheryl – Please provide an update on the level of responses in relation to sponsorship.

7.3. Lincolnshire

Now the date of the Royal Wedding has been announced we can confirm the Spalding Choice Unlimited event will be 15th May. Possible sponsors have been identified and letters will be sent out shortly. The next meeting of the working group is 23rd January, so a verbal update on any issues of concern will be given at the LAF meeting.

ACTION: John Law – Provide a verbal update

8. SENSORY TRAILS AND GREEN SPACES

Due to workload this project has not progressed any further.

9. CHANGING PLACES TOILETS

9.1. North Sea Observatory

As reported at the last meeting the North Sea Observatory has not incorporated changing places toilets into the design. We have asked Chapel St Leonards Parish Council if they can investigate the possibility of the building currently housing the cafe, to include a changing places toilet when the cafe ceases to trade. We requested an update from the Parish Council early January. The Parish Council stated 9th January, that their plans have not moved forward as quickly as they had hoped. Our ideas have been added to their list and they will get back to us as soon as it is practical.

9.2. Letter to the CEO of Anglian Water

The letter to the CEO of Anglian Water has been sent in relation to Changing Places Toilets at Rutland Water. We are currently awaiting a response. An update will be provided by Cheryl at the LAF meeting.

ACTION: Cheryl – Please update the LAF on the response we have had from Anglian Water.

10. VISIT ENGLAND – PROMOTING ACCESSIBLE BUSINESSES, INCREASING TOURISM AND VISITOR SPENDING

10.1. Rutland

An invite has been sent to business groups and the Rutland Access Group to attend a presentation. Discussions will be held following the presentation on how those at the meeting wish to take the topic forward.

10.2. Lincolnshire

A meeting has to be arranged with LCC to see how to take this forward.

10.3. North East Lincolnshire

A meeting has to be arranged with North East Lincolnshire to see how to take this forward.

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Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills - Executive Director for Environment & Economy

Report to: **South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum**
Date: **24 January 2018**
Subject: **Definitive Map Modification Orders - Ongoing**

Summary:

A report on the progress of Definitive Map Modification Orders currently being progressed

Recommendation(s):

That the report is noted & formal written advice provided as required.

1. Background

As Surveying Authority the County Council has a statutory duty to keep under continuous review the Definitive Rights of Way Map and Statement for Lincolnshire and to make orders to take account of events requiring the map to be modified. This is carried out by the processing of Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMOs) which are either applied for by the public or initiated by the Authority on the discovery of evidence.

Highways & Traffic Guidance Note HAT33/3/11 sets out that such cases will be dealt with in order of receipt/initiation unless one or more of the eight "exception criteria" apply.

The criteria are as follows:

1. Where there is sustained aggression, hostility and ill feeling within a community that is causing severe disruption to the life of that community, and that in processing the case early there is a strong likelihood this will reduce.
2. Where there is a significant threat to the route, likely to cause a permanent obstruction (e.g. a building, but not, for example, a locked gate or residential fencing).
3. Where there is, or has been, a finding of maladministration by the Local Government Ombudsman on a particular case and that in

processing the case the County Council will discharge its duty to the Ombudsman's decision.

4. Where legal proceedings against the County Council are instigated or are likely to be instigated and it is possible that the Authority has a liability.
5. Where there is a risk to children on County Council owned property and land or where the claimed route would provide for a safer alternative route to a school, play area or other amenity for children.
6. Where there is a significant financial saving to the County Council (and therefore taxpayers) through the processing of an Order.
7. Where a new application is received that relies on evidence of a case already received or, if the new application forms part of or is adjoining to an existing claim, the new claim will be dealt with at the same time as the older application.
8. Where the route will significantly assist in achieving a Countryside and Rights of Way Improvement Plan Objective or Statement of Action.

The above numbered exception criteria do not cover every eventuality and it is recognised that in exceptional circumstances there may be other reasons why it would benefit the public for a case to be considered out of normal order. Officers will not prioritise any case under such circumstances and any appeal will only be considered by the Definitive Map & Statement of Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee.

Initially the priority of a case is set by Officers however there is a right of appeal for any affected persons whereby a decision is made by the Definitive Map & Statement of Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee on a case's priority in response to such an appeal.

Appendix A provides an outline of the position of cases currently deemed to be "active" within the prioritisation policy.

2. Consultation

- a) Scrutiny Comments**
- b) Executive Councillor Comments**
- c) Local Member Comments**
- d) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

n/a

3. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Outline summaries of "active" modification order cases as at 31 st December 2017
Appendix B	Appeals against prioritisation – Quarter 3 2017-2018
Appendix C	<u>Definitive Map Case Prioritisation</u> (LINK) – Paper copies available on request

4. Background papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Highways & Traffic Guidance Note 33 – Prioritisation of Definitive Map Modification Orders - <u>HAT 33/3/11</u>
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APPENDIX A – Outline Summaries of "active" modification order cases

PARISH	CASE No.		CASE TITLE	FORMAL APP?	Date	UPDATE
Middle Rasen	72	PF	Caistor Rd to Gatehouse Lane	Yes	05/08/87	DMMO seeking to record PF 1147 made 12/06/17 – objection period ended 10/08/17 – objections received. Submission to Planning Inspectorate (PINS) in progress.
Hogsthorpe	49	PF	Sea Lane to Maiden Lane	Yes	11/12/1986	Submitted to PINS 03/08/17. Decision due after 17/01/18.
Ancaster	2	RB	Regrade from RB to BOAT	Yes	13/11/1991	Reviewing evidence.
Coningsby	182	PF	School Lane to Dogdyke Road	Yes	06/11/1997	Submitted to PINS 27.04.2017 – Public Inquiry rescheduled: new dates 25 and 26.07.18 at Coronation Hall, Spa Rd, Woodhall Spa LN10 6PZ. Path number PF 1124.
Tetford	365	PF	Addition of "missing link" North Road to PF 33	No	30/09/2013	Summary for decision under way.
Ludborough	378	PF	Alleged PF along track running to and from PF 107	Yes	06/10/2014	Reviewing evidence.
Navenby	384	PB	Alleged PB Grantham Road-Doncaster Gardens	Yes	16/04/2015	DMMO made seeking to record PF 1146 along the Application route on 23.06.2017: objection period 06.07.2017-18.08.2017. Objections received and not withdrawn. To be submitted to PINS.
Heydour	48	PF	PF to be diverted	No	01/01/1985	Reviewing evidence.
Aunsby & Dembleby	5		Aunsby RB 6 plus section to Manor House Farm, Aunsby PB 9, Heydour RB 18	No	11/07/1985	Reviewing evidence.
Mablethorpe & Sutton	106	PF	High Street to Broadway	Yes	16/09/1985	Submitted to PINS 06/11/17. Awaiting details of method of determination.
Grimoldby	43	PF	From Mill Lane	Yes	23/10/1985	Submitted to PINS 24/06/17. Determination expected shortly.
Burgh-le-Marsh	18	PF	Faulkers Lane	Yes	10/02/1987	Draft Statement of Grounds complete.
Stamford	101	PF	Cherry Holt Lane to Priory Road	Yes	03/04/1987	Awaiting information from various parties before submission to PINS.

BOAT: Byway Open to All Traffic

RB: Restricted Byway

PB: Public Bridleway

PF: Public Footpath

- **Total Number of cases (formal application or self-initiated): 152 outstanding inclusive of 4 Orders awaiting determination by the Secretary of State at 31st December 2017)**

APPENDIX B – Appeals against prioritisation – Q3 2017-2018

No DMMO prioritisation appeals were submitted or heard over the period since the last forum meeting.

APPENDIX C – Definitive Map Case Prioritisation

ACTIVE CASEWORK

Parish	File	Status	Further details	Application/Acceptance	Active	Priority Ranking
Middle Rasen	72	PF	Caistor Rd to Gatehouse Lane	05/08/1987	Yes	1
Hogsthorpe	49	PF	Sea Lane to Maiden Lane	11/12/1986	Yes	2
Ancaster	2	RB	to BOAT	13/11/1991	Yes	3
Coningsby	182	PF	School Lane to Dogdyke Road	06/11/1997	Yes	4
Tetford	365	PF	Addition of missing link to PF 33	30/09/2013	Yes	5
Ludborough	378	PF	Claimed footpath along track running to and from PF107	06/10/2014	Yes	6
Navenby	384	PB	Claimed bridleway from Grantham Road to Doncaster Gardens	16/04/2015	Yes	7
Heydour	48	PF	PF to be diverted - from Southern end of PF 3 to church Lees	01/01/1985	Yes	8
Punsby & Dembleby	5	PROW	see file	11/07/1985	Yes	9
Mablethorpe and Sutton	106	PF	High St to Broadway	16/09/1985	Yes	10
Grimoldby	43	PF	from Mill Lane	23/10/1985	Yes	11
Burgh-le-Marsh	18	PF	Faulkers Lane	10/02/1987	Yes	12
Stamford	101	PF	Cherry Holt Lane to Priory Rd	03/04/1987	Yes	13

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Location	Ref	Status	Path Ref	Legislation	File Date	Comments
Thorpe-by-Water	RCCDC/M10	Footpath		WCA s53(3)(c)(i)	08/11/2013	Notice re-served / re-published. Closing date 26th January.
Oakham	RCCDC/M11	Footpath		WCA s53(3)(c)(i)	04/12/2013	
Wardley	RCCDC/M8	Bridleway		WCA s53(3)(c)(i)	09/02/2014	With PINS (start date 31/07/2017)
Ketton	RCCDC/M13	Footpath	E335	WCA s53(3)(c)(i)	18/09/2015	
Langham	RCCDC/M15	Bridleway	D85	WCA s53(3)(c)(iii)	16/11/2016	Appeal allowed. Directed to make Order.
Clipsham	RCCDC/M16	Footpath		WCA s53(3)(c)(i)	22/05/2017	Order made (16/11/2017). Objection received. Referring to PINS.

Since Oct 2017:

0 Orders confirmed
 0 Case referred
 0 New cases received
 0 Order declined

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Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills - Executive Director for Environment & Economy

Report to:	South Lincolnshire Local Access Forum
Date:	24 January 2018
Subject:	Progress of Public Path Orders

Summary:

A report on the progress of Public Path Orders

Recommendation(s):

That the report is noted and formal written advice given where required

1. Background

The County Council has a power to divert, extinguish or create public rights of way either of its own volition or following an application to do so from the public. The Council may also enter into agreements with landowners regarding the dedication of public rights.

2. Summary of ongoing cases

The County Council is currently working on a number of cases most notably as follows:

- A package of eight diversions to realign routes in the Coastal Country Park area including the potential dedication of a bridleway over a current footpath. The Orders were made 21.07.17, with an objection received to one. Five Orders are awaiting confirmation and three Orders need further work.
- A proposal to dedicate Public Bridleway No. 1109 in Somerby (near Bigby) between Cadney Public Bridleway No. 282 (North Lincolnshire) and maintainable highway at Somerby Low Farm.
- A proposal to extinguish and divert parts of Public Footpath 55 in Skidbrooke with Saltfleet Haven and Saltfleetby St Clement parishes, and to divert part of Public Bridleway 1059 in Saltfleetby St Clement.
- A proposal to divert part of Helpringham Public Footpath 7.

- Extinguishment and creation orders in Market Deeping and Deeping St James parishes seeking to provide an improved route for a well-used public footpath in a developed area were made, with a consultation period running to 02.06.2017. An objection has been received. The proposal was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate to determine on 14.08.2017. A Start Date is awaited.
- A proposal to extinguish, dedicate and create various PROW in Claypole and Stubton parishes, which is currently being assessed to determine the legislation to be used.
- A proposal to divert part of Sutton on Sea Public Footpath 323.

These public path orders have been undertaken as they fall within one of three of the following strategic areas:

- Applications from members of the public where public benefit in the proposal can be demonstrated in line with the Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
- Cases that form part of wider green infrastructure schemes (Coastal Country Park, Witham Valley Country Park etc.)
- Cases forming part of wider Council strategies (Road / Rail Partnerships, Environmental strategies)

The County Council is developing a provisional Public Path Order Policy, which will eventually determine the order in which proposals are processed. This will need to be ratified before it can be implemented, and is subject to any changes necessary once regulations in respect of the Deregulation Act 2015 are issued.

3. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

n/a

c) Scrutiny Comments

n/a

d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

4. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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Location	Status	Path Ref	Legislation	Application Date	Comments
Caldecott	Bridleway	E315	HA s119	N/A	Order to be drafted
Lyddington	Footpath	E314	HA s119	N/A	Order to be drafted
Clipsham	Bridleway	E135	TCPA s257/S261	N/A	Application appears to affect land not owned by the applicant
Langham	Footpath	D85	HA s119	24/04/2015	Order to be abandoned. Discussions over route to be scheduled.
Hambleton	Footpath	E341	HA s119	07/05/2015	New Order made (06/12/2017). Consultation closes 19/01/2018.

Since Oct 2017:

1 Orders made
 0 Orders confirmed
 0 Order came into operation
 1 Orders abandoned
 0 Cases referred
 0 New case opened

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