

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

Report to:	<b>Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum</b>
Date:	<b>18 October 2016</b>
Subject:	<b>Progress of Public Path Orders</b>

**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.

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## 2. Summary of ongoing cases

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

- A package of diversions to realign routes in the Coastal Country Park area including the potential dedication of a bridleway over a current footpath. The reports from the consultant reviewing this package has been received and progress will be imminent
- Level crossing diversion orders at Tallington and Whisby the latter is about to have an order made to divert in the near future
- Orders to realign a number of PROW affected by a level crossing at Claypole which will also resolve "missing link" and path status change issues.

- A diversion to enable the managed realignment of the coastal sea defence at North Somercotes
- Diversions affecting school/parish recreation fields in Claypole

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 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 will be reviewing its position of public path orders when greater detail regarding the Deregulation Act 2015 regulations is known.

### **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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