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Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director for Environment & Economy	
Report to:	**South Lincolnshire & Rutland Local Access Forum**
Date:	**18.04.2018**
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.

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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 eight diversions to realign routes in the Coastal Country Park area. Five Orders were confirmed 17.01.2018. Three Orders need further work due to outstanding issues.

- 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.

- 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. A public inquiry will be held at Odd Fellows' Hall, Market Deeping on 21st and 22nd August 2018.

- A proposal to extinguish, dedicate and create various PROW in Claypole and Stubton parishes, which is progressing in partnership with Network Rail.

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. 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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