

<b>Subject:</b>	Report of the Public Right of Way Task and Finish Group	<b>Status:</b>	For Publication
<b>Report to:</b>	Cabinet	<b>Date:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2014
<b>Report of:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny	<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Regeneration, Tourism and Leisure
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Equality Impact Assessment:</b>	Required:	No	Attached: No
<b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b>	Required:	No	Attached: No
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<b>1. RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>
1.1 That Cabinet consider the recommendations of the Public Right of Way Task and Finish Group.
1.2 That Cabinet, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Tourism and Leisure and other relevant Officers provide a written response to the recommendations.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To ask Cabinet to consider the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group, as indicated within the report.

## 3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- **Responsive Value for Money Services:** This priority is about the Council working collaboratively, being a provider, procurer and a commissioner of services that are efficient and that meet the needs of local people.

## 4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Members need to note the requirement to formally respond to recommendations of overview and scrutiny committees within a two month period as set out in the Council's Constitution and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

## 5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 5.1 As part of the Overview and Scrutiny Workplan for 2012/13, a suggestion was made by a member of the public to look at the Public Rights of Way in Rossendale. A sub-group of Scrutiny Members agreed that this issue should be taken forward and a Task and Finish Group was established. The group met between July 2013 and January 2014.
- 5.2 At the first meeting it was agreed to produce a questionnaire to send out to local groups. A press release was sent out and the survey was publicised on the Council's website and in the local media. Also, a number of walker groups/organisations agreed to include the link to the survey on their website. A total of 349 responses were received.
- 5.3 The final report was agreed by the Task and Finish Group in April and is attached as **Appendix A**, with the survey results attached at **Appendix B**.
- 5.4 A response from Cabinet is required within two months and once received will be presented to the Partner Scrutiny Committee for further discussion.

**COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

**6. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

6.1 It is assumed that all recommendations are to be contained within existing budget resources.

**7. MONITORING OFFICER**

7.1 No comments

**8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

8.1 There are no HR implications.

8.2 Consultation was carried out as detailed at section 5.2.

**9. CONCLUSION**

9.1 That Cabinet considers the recommendation of the Task and Finish Group.

No background papers