

Appendix 1

Cabinet Response to Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations Completed Action Plan

Public Rights of Way

In accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Cabinet is required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee within 2 months. In providing this response Cabinet is asked to state whether or not it accepts each recommendation and the reasons for this decision. Cabinet must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take.

Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Recommendation	Officer Commentary	Cabinet Decision (Accept or reject)	Action to be taken (if any) and timescale for completion
Recommendation 1: That a Rights of Way Sub-group be set up to engage with residents and user groups and to monitor the recording of the Rights of Way on the Definitive Map and Statement.	As this is a long-term project up to 2026, the input of the proposed Public Rights of Way Sub Group in monitoring progress would be beneficial. The establishment of such a Sub Group would add weight to all aspects of protection of rights of way and would be able to provide advice and guidance in contentious cases.	Accept	A Rights of Way Sub Group of elected members to be set up to meet on a regular basis (e.g. every 6 months) for the duration of the project (the recording of the Rights of Way).
Recommendation 2: That Cabinet be requested to arrange for the 4 Definitive Maps and Statements which cover North Tyneside to be reviewed, updated and	The existence of four separate Definitive Maps and Statements covering the borough is for historic reasons. A single Definitive Map and Statement would provide clarity and remove ambiguity, e.g. over the status	Accept	Arrangements to be made for the four Definitive Maps and Statements which cover North Tyneside to be reviewed, updated and combined into one Definitive Map and Statement for North

<p>combined into one North Tyneside Definitive Map and Statement within 18 months.</p>	<p>of routes.</p> <p>It is anticipated that this can be delivered within the timescales recommended using existing Council resources.</p>		<p>Tyneside within 18 months.</p>
<p>Recommendation 3: That Cabinet be requested to arrange for the inclusion of the existing unrecorded rights of way on Council owned land on to the Definitive Map and Statement within 24 months.</p>	<p>The legal process for the recording of Public Rights of Way on Council-owned land is less complex than on private land.</p> <p>It is anticipated that this can be delivered within the timescales recommended using existing Council resources.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Arrangements to be made for the inclusion of the existing unrecorded Public Rights of Way on Council-owned land on the Definitive Map and Statement within 24 months.</p>
<p>Recommendation 4: That Cabinet be requested to develop a timetable and work programme that will ensure that all existing unrecorded Rights of Way are added to the Definitive Map and Statement before the 31 December 2025.</p>	<p>The recording of Public Rights of Way on private land is frequently a complex process. Legal orders will be required and the likelihood of objection is substantially greater.</p> <p>The development of an annual delivery programme and ongoing management of the programme will ensure that all existing unrecorded Public Rights of Way are added to the Definitive Map and Statement, subject to appropriate procedure.</p> <p>This has been included within the</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>An annual work programme will be developed.</p>

	Annual Service Plan for the Technical Partnership.		
Recommendation 5: That Cabinet be requested to ensure that, in line with best practice, the current and up to date Definitive Map and Statement is made available on the Authority's website along with information for walkers, horse riders, and cyclists, landowners and developers. The website should also include a facility for claiming new or modifying existing rights of way and for users to report issues on the rights of way network.	In parallel with the process to develop a single Definitive Map and Statement for North Tyneside (see Recommendation 2), there is an opportunity to improve and update the existing information available on the Authority's website relating to Public Rights of Way; provide further information as appropriate; and to make the Definitive Map and Statement accessible via the website.	Accept	In conjunction with arrangements under Recommendation 2 (above), arrangements to be made to update the Public Rights of Way information on the Authority's website and to make the Definitive Map and Statement accessible via the website within 18 months.
Recommendation 6: That Cabinet be requested to ensure that a corporate approach (including Planning, Highways, Tourism and Public Health) to the maintenance, preservation and promotion of the Public Rights of Way is adopted.	The maintenance, preservation and promotion of the Public Rights of Way network makes an important contribution to the wider economy of North Tyneside and the health and well-being of its residents. Opportunities will be explored as relevant strategies and policies are developed to enhance a corporate approach to the maintenance, preservation and promotion of the Public Rights of Way network.	Accept	On an ongoing basis, opportunities will be explored to enhance a corporate approach (including Planning, Highways, Tourism and Public Health) to the maintenance, preservation and promotion of the Public Rights of Way network.