

<b>Meeting of:</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>12 DECEMBER 2024</b>
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT TO THE RIGHTS OF WAY SUB-COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Report Owner / Corporate Director:</b>	<b>CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES, HR AND CORPORATE POLICY</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>MARK GALVIN – SENIOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES - COMMITTEES</b>
<b>Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:</b>	<b>There is no effect upon the policy framework and procedure rules.</b>
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	<b>To request that the Development Control Committee to propose six of its Members to form the Rights of Way Sub-Committee, on the basis of a suggested membership which has been agreed by Council as part of a report relating to Amendments to the Constitution.</b>

## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Development Control Committee (**DCC**) to nominate and appoint Members to the Rights of Way Sub-Committee (**ROW S/C**), a Sub-Committee of the DCC.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 At a previous meeting of the DCC dated 14 July 2022, it was resolved to approve six Members of the Committee to form the ROW S/C. This included the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and 4 members of the DCC, with the ROW S/C being politically balanced in terms of its membership.
- 2.2 As the composition of the DCC subsequently changed following the above date, this affected the membership of the ROW S/C, resulting in it having to be re-formed. Therefore, on the 19 September 2024, a report was submitted seeking the appointment of members to the Sub-Committee.
- 3.2 At this meeting the DCC made the following decision:-

*‘That the report be deferred to the next scheduled meeting of the Development Control Committee, in order that Officers can re-consider the composition of the Sub-Committee in line with guidance (if any) outlined in the Council’s Constitution.’*

### **3. Current situation / proposal**

- 3.1 At a meeting of Council on 20 November 2024, a report was presented to members suggesting amendments to the Council's Constitution. This included a recommendation to change Appendix 1 to Section 14 (Responsibility of Functions – Summary) affecting the membership of the ROW S/C as follows:

From-:

- a) 6 x County Borough Councillors:

(Plus one observer from each:  
Rambler's Association, British Horse Society  
And a Footpath Secretary),

To:

- b) 6 x County Borough Councillors, to include:

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Development Control Committee  
and 4 members nominated by that Committee

(Plus one observer from each:  
Rambler's Association, British Horse Society  
And a Footpath Secretary)

- 3.2 The above recommendation was agreed by Council.

### **4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)**

- 4.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act 2010 (as amended), the Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

### **5. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications and Connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives**

- 5.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

### **6. Climate Change Implications**

- 6.1 There are no Climate Change Implications from this report.

### **7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications**

- 7.1 There are no Safeguarding and/or Corporate Parent Implications from this report.

## **8. Financial Implications**

8.1 There are no financial implications in relation to this report.

## **9. Recommendations**

9.1 That the Development Control Committee nominates and appoints six Members from this Committee to form the Rights of Way Sub-Committee, to include, as agreed by Council:

- The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Development Control Committee; and 4 members nominated by the Committee (plus one observer from each: Rambler's Association, the British Horse Society; and a Footpath Secretary).

## **Background documents**

None