

Meeting of:	Planning Committee
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, 25 May 2023
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Environment and Regeneration
Report Title:	Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee
Purpose of Report:	To confirm the re-appointment of the Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee.
Report Owner:	Marcus Goldsworthy, Director of Place
Responsible Officer:	Gareth Davies, Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	None.
Policy Framework:	None.
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of the Public Rights of Way Sub-Committees is required for each Municipal Year. The Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee (comprising five Members) was included in the "Political Balance" table which was used at the Annual Meeting on 23rd May 2022 in terms of the appointment of Committees generally. • Based on "Political Balance" the membership of the Sub-Committee is to comprise 2 Labour Group Members, 1 Conservative Group Member, 1 Plaid Group Member, 1 Llantwit First Group Member. • The report seeks to confirm the appointment to the 5 positions of the Sub-Committee 	

Recommendations

1. That the Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee comprising 5 Members as set out in paragraph 2.2 of the report (2 Labour, 1 Conservative, 1 Plaid and 1 Llantwit First) be reappointed.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. To confirm the appointment of the Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee for 2023/24.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Committee is required to confirm the appointment of any Sub-Committees required for each Municipal Year. The Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee (comprising five Members) was included in the "Political Balance" table, which was used at the Annual Meeting on 23rd May 2022, in terms of the appointment of Committees generally.
- 1.2 The requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 require the Council, as far as is practicable, to reflect in the allocation of seats across all Committees the overall representation of each Political Group on the Council. As part of this exercise, it is often necessary for a Group or Groups, to have to make certain adjustments to their seat numbers indicated in order to give effect to the requirements of the Act.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 The Terms of Reference of the Sub-Committee is as follows:
 - (1) To consider and determine under delegated powers applications for Footpath, Bridleway and Restricted Byway Agreements made under Section 25 of the Highways Act 1980.
 - (2) To consider and determine under delegated powers applications for Footpath, Bridleway and Restricted Byway Orders made under Sections 26, 118 and 119 of the Highways Act 1980.
 - (3) To consider and determine under delegated powers applications for Footpath, Bridleway and Restricted Byway Orders affected by development under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 where opposition which has been raised as a result of pre-order consultation remains unresolved.
 - (4) To consider and determine under delegated powers applications for Orders made under Sections 53(3)(b), 53(3)(c) and 54 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 in respect of modifications of the Definitive Map.
- 2.2 Prior to the Annual Meeting held on 10th May 2023, the respective Group Leaders provided the following names of Members to be appointed to the Sub-Committee:

Labour (2): Councillors P. Drake and N.C. Thomas

Conservative: (1): Councillor G. Bruce
Plaid: (1) Councillor N.P. Hodges
Llantwit First Independents: (1): Councillor E. Williams

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act sets out effective transparency as a key part of improving the delivery of public bodies.
- 3.2 The Act requires public bodies to communicate and explain the processes of selecting its well-being objectives and how these objectives have been chosen, how decisions are taken in line with these objectives and what difference these objectives have made.
- 3.3 The importance of presenting the report is to ensure that transparency has taken place and to inform the Council and the public of the above arrangements which are required to be undertaken annually to comply with the Council's Constitution.

4. Climate Change and Nature Implications

- 4.1 None as a direct result of this report.

5. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 5.1 None as a direct result of this report.

Employment

- 5.2 None as a direct result of this report.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 5.3 None as a direct result of this report.

6. Background Papers

Not Applicable.