
Meeting: Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: 6 March 2013
Subject: Outdoor Access Improvement Plan
Report of: Cllr Brian Spurr, Executive Member for Sustainable Communities (Services)

Summary: This report asks the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the content of the proposed Outdoor Access Improvement Plan and subsequently make recommendations to the Executive meeting on the 18 March 2013

The Authority has a statutory duty under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (section 60) to publish and review, at least every ten years, a 'Rights of Way Improvement Plan' (ROWIP). The Outdoor Access Improvement Plan is the way in which Central Bedfordshire Council proposes to meet this statutory duty

The aim of the Plan is to get more people out and about in the countryside of Central Bedfordshire, volunteering, understanding and valuing the landscape special character of our area. Though doing this we seek social, economic and health benefits, to green our communities and to protect the environment.

Advising Officer: Gary Alderson, Director of Sustainable Communities
Contact Officer: Paul Cook, Head of Transport Strategy & Countryside Access
Jonathan Woods, Access development Team Leader
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Executive

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1. Considers the recommendations to the Executive contained in the body of the draft report and comment as necessary.**
- 2. Review the content of the Outdoor Access Improvement Plan and recommend to Executive adoption of the plan.**

Appendices:

Appendix A – Draft Executive report on the Outdoor Access Improvement Plan 2013 – 2031
Appendix B – Outdoor Access Improvement Plan 2013 – 2031