

Meeting of:	<b>Planning Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>Wednesday, 01 September 2021</b>
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:	Managing Director
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"> <li>• 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 10th May, 2021 in terms of the appointment of Committees generally.</li> <li>• Based on "Political Balance" the membership of the Sub-Committee is to comprise 2 Conservative Group Members, 1 Labour Group Member and 1 Vale Independent Group Member.</li> <li>• This leaves one vacant seat on the Sub-Committee unfilled due to the number of overall seats allocated to both the Plaid Cymru and Llantwit First Independent political groups.</li> </ul> <p>The report seeks to confirm the appointment to the 4 positions of the Sub-Committee.</p>	

## **Recommendations**

1. That the Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee comprising 4 Members (2 Conservative, 1 Labour and 1 Vale Independents Group, with one vacancy unfilled, be reappointed.

## **Reason for Recommendations**

1. To confirm the re-appointment of the Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee for 2021/22.

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Committee is required to confirm the re-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 10th May 2021, 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 At the Annual Meeting on 10th May 2021, and following the 'political balance' calculation, for the Public Rights of Way (PROW) Sub-Committee there was an equal entitlement to one seat to either the Plaid Cymru Group or Llantwit Major First Independents. Both Group Leaders had confirmed that they did not wish to take up the seat on the PROW Sub-Committee and consequently there would be a vacant seat unfilled.
- 2.2 As a result, the membership of the Sub-Committee would comprise 2 Conservative Group Members, 1 Labour Group Member and 1 Vale Independents Group Member. Prior to the Annual Meeting, the respective Group Leaders provided the following names of Members to be appointed to the Sub-Committee:  
Conservative Group - Councillors C.A. Cave and V.P. Driscoll  
Labour Group - Councillor P. Drake  
Vale Independent Group - Councillor J.C. Bird
- 2.3 The Terms of Reference of the Sub-Committee are as follows:  
(1) To consider and determine under delegated powers applications for Footpath Orders made under Sections 25, 26, 118 and 119 of the Highways Act 1980 and

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) To consider and determine under delegated powers applications for Footpath and Bridleway 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.

### **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. Resources and Legal Considerations**

#### **Financial**

- 4.1** None.

#### **Employment**

- 4.2** None.

#### **Legal (Including Equalities)**

- 4.3** None.

### **5. Background Papers**

Reports to Planning Committee.