**ROWIP Annual DELIVERY PLAN**

Delivery Plan template

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| **ROWIP Theme** | Reference number | |
| **ROWIP Action** | Reference number | |
| **Resources** | Provides an indication of the resources for the delivery of actions, based on the R/A/G ‘traffic light’ system: | |
| R | Resources not currently available. Additional funding would be required to deliver this action. |
| A | Resources available although subject to constraints / limitations (e.g. time-limited grant programmes). |
| G | Resources currently available. A reduction in funding would require status to be reassessed. |
| **Comments** | Background about the action | |
| **Policy links** | Links to Corporate Polices and Plans  Service Specific Polices | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | Internal/external partners | |
| **Current performance** | Description / indication of performance in delivering action  Review / description of progress. | |
| **Target** | The target and / or timescale to be achieved. | |

**Monitoring/Reporting:** procedure identified within the main ROWIP: 3.3 Delivery Plans, 3.3.1 Measuring Progress LAF

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| **ROWIP Theme** | **Theme 1** - Maintain the Definitive Map | |
| **ROWIP Action** | **Action 1** - Determine Modification Orders within set timescale | |
| **Resources** | A | Due to previous restructuring of PROW team there is no longer a dedicated Definitive Map Officer within the Authority. |
| **Comments** | The number of current applications is low; however there are a number of ‘older’ applications that need to be concluded or if possible abandoned. | |
| **Policy links** | Public Path Order Working Practice | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | Landowners, Planning Inspectorate, User Groups | |
| **Current performance** | **Target met**  Comment: Research and informal consultations have continued on applications during the 12 month period. One historic application dating to 2010 is being progressed.  Applications have increased since COVID with 5 applications submitted since 2020. One case determined – decision not to proceed to make an order. Recommendations pending on two other cases. | |
| **Target 2023/24** | Determine 1 case per year | |

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| **ROWIP Theme** | **Theme 1 -** Maintain the Definitive Map | |
| **ROWIP Action** | **Action 2** - Create new rights of way where a new path (or higher rights on existing paths) would be in the public interest | |
| **Resources** | R | Resources not currently available. Additional funding would be required to deliver this action. |
| **Comments** | Project list under Theme 3 will inform this action; dependant on external funding to meet target.  Focus is also likely to be in encouraging local involvement in meeting this objective. | |
| **Policy links** | Public Path Order Working Practice | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | Landowners, Planning Inspectorate, User Groups  Community Councils | |
| **Current performance** | Land purchase for green corridor part way between Talybont and Tre Taliesin being finalised with works to create the corridor underway including hedgerow creation/tree planting – this work has been on hold due to part of the land going through probate.  Investigation of external funding to help build capacity to meet this objective | |
| **Target 2023/24** | No SMART targets | |

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| **ROWIP Theme** | **Theme 1 -** Maintain the Definitive Map | |
| **ROWIP Action** | **Action 3** - Support applications for the diversion of Rights of Way where the line of the amended route would be in the public interest | |
| **Resources** | A | 2023/24 will see a reduction in capacity due to a team member being away on maternity leave |
| **Comments** | External applications are self-funding through application fees.  Internal diversions are covered under Ranger Area budgets and costs are offset against capital costs and ongoing maintenance costs of opening definitive line | |
| **Policy links** | Public Path Order Working Practice | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | Landowners, Planning Inspectorate, User Groups  Community Councils | |
| **Current performance** | **Target met**  Comment: A number of informal consultations undertaken  and **8** orders made. | |
| **Target 2023/24** | Make diversion orders for all fee paying applications within 12 months of receipt of valid applications. | |

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| **ROWIP Theme** | **Theme 1** - Maintain the Definitive Map | |
| **ROWIP Action** | **Action 4** - Prioritise and resolve outstanding Orders for the reclassification of RUPPS. | |
| **Resources** | R | No resources available for this work currently |
| **Comments** | 173 individual routes are left to be confirmed; some require re-advertising with modifications. Due to restructuring of PROW team there is no longer a dedicated Definitive Map Officer within the Authority. Publishing notices depends on budget surplus near end of financial year. | |
| **Policy links** | Public Path Order Working Practice | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | Landowners, Planning Inspectorate, User Groups | |
| **Current performance** | **Target not met**  No confirmation notices published in year due to lack of staff time – target reduced and kept under review | |
| **Target 2023/24** | Publish 5 RUPP confirmation notices | |

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| **ROWIP Theme** | **Theme 2** - Maintain and promote the rights of way network | |
| **ROWIP Action** | **Action 1** – Operation of Primary Path Network (PPN) to guide allocation of resources for path management | |
| **Resources** | A | Resources available although subject to constraints / limitations (e.g. time-limited grant programmes). |
| **Comments** | The resources available fall short of those required to maintain the current network of PROW on the PPN (approximately 60%); this will affect the review process moving forward in terms of bringing additional paths onto the network. The continued use of volunteers allows the Authority to keep a % higher of routes on the PPN than might otherwise be achievable (see Theme 2 Action 2 “Working with Volunteers”. | |
| **Policy links** | Public path order working practice  Primary Path Network | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | User Groups, Volunteers, LAF, Natural Resources Wales  Welsh Government, Carmarthenshire County Council  Powys County Council | |
| **Current performance** | **Target met**  Comment: Review of routes undertaken remotely due to COVID. Sub-committee has re-commenced with the appointment of new LAF and ROWIP subcommittee members. Chair and Vice Chair appointed and sub committee meetings held 23rd August 2022 and 2nd December 2022. | |
| **Target 2023/24** | Undertake review of issues received on Category 0 routes on a 6 monthly basis including organising ongoing LAF subcommittee meetings. | |

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| **ROWIP Theme** | **Theme 2** - Maintain and promote the rights of way network | |
| **ROWIP Action** | **Action 2** - Working with volunteers | |
| **Resources** | G | Resources available although there are constraints with regards to growing certain elements of volunteer work parties |
| **Comments** | Information available to the Authority highlights the contribution of volunteers to and their value in maintaining the access network | |
| **Policy links** | Public path order working practice, Wellbeing Plan | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | User Groups, Volunteers, LAF, Natural Resources Wales  Welsh Government, Town/Community Councils | |
| **Current performance** | **Target partially met**  Comment:  COVID impacted on the first part of the year; however all work parties are back fully operational with 76 work parties convened  Adopt a path volunteer base remains steady at about 100 members. New opportunities being pursued around maintenance walks with groups. | |
| **Target 2023/24** | Arrange 80 individual volunteer work parties per year and continue to seek opportunities for adopt a path scheme development | |

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| **ROWIP Theme** | **Theme 2** - Maintain and promote the rights of way network | |
| **ROWIP Action** | **Action 3** - Manage and develop the Ceredigion and All Wales Coast Path and link routes | |
| **Resources** | A | Resources available although subject to constraints / limitations – time limited grant finding for a period of 1 year. |
| **Comments** | Regional Coast Path Officer is now in post full time. Funding is granted annually by WG for the continuation of the post. | |
| **Policy links** | Coast Path Regional Management Plan, Primary Path Network, Wellbeing Plan | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | User Groups, Volunteers, LAF, Natural Resources Wales  Welsh Government, Carmarthenshire County Council  Powys County Council | |
| **Current performance** | **Target met**  Comment: Condition surveys completed throughout the region. Regional management plan first draft complete. Cliff monitoring inspections completed. A number of bridges replaced with corporate capital funding. Annual brusch cutting contract completed along with a number of local improvements/developments.  26 circular routes have been created along sections of the Coast Path as part of the 15yr celebration. | |
| **Target 2023/24** | Conduct condition surveys in line with established quality standards.  Finalise Regional Management Plan for the West Region  Complete development/realignment projects for the year and identify those for the following year | |

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| **ROWIP Theme** | **Theme 2** - Maintain and promote the rights of way network | |
| **ROWIP Action** | **Action 4** - Provide information on countryside access opportunities in Ceredigion | |
| **Resources** | A | Resources available although subject to constraints / limitations. Currently undertaken in house by existing staff; reduction in capacity will have an adverse effect. |
| **Comments** | Providing good quality information on the access opportunities is essential in meeting economic, health and active travel objectives. | |
| **Policy links** | Primary Path Network, Destination Management Plan, Wellbeing Plan, | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | User Groups, Volunteers, Local Authority IT, LAF  Private Landowners, Public Landowners, Charitable Trusts | |
| **Current performance** | **Target met**  Comment:  A total of 7 new promoted routes have been created or updated to the new format. Walk challenge initiative has continued to be successful on Social Media. Number of visitors to the Council walks and rides page continue to be >15,000 per year. GPX routes made available on walks/rides website  Targeted emails sent to accommodations providers, local user groups, stakeholders and Health Care provides.  Online questionnaire developed to understand customer needs. Campaign to promote responsible behaviours in the countryside – regular social media bulletins about dog fouling, dogs on lead etc. | |
| **Target 2023/24** | Review current promotional material; target of 5 new or  reviewed routes per year  Continue to raise awareness of walking/riding opportunities in the county & responsible behaviours | |

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| **ROWIP Theme** | **Theme 2** - Maintain and promote the rights of way network | |
| **ROWIP Action** | **Action 5** - Maintain and develop IT systems to assist in path management | |
| **Resources** | G | Resources currently available. A reduction in funding would require status to be reassessed. |
| **Comments** | The use of technology such as GIS and Countryside Access Management System (CAMS) is invaluable in managing the rights of way and access network. | |
| **Policy links** | Primary Path Network | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | Local Authority IT, Exegesis, Volunteers | |
| **Current performance** | **Target met**  Development work between CAMS and corporate interface is complete – final testing continues prior to roll out to whitelisted individuals  CAMS annual updated complete. Additional functionality built into the system allowing easier access for documentation etc | |
| **Target 2023/24** | Roll out CAMS link into corporate customer interface  Continual updating and upgrading of software to new versions as and when required  develop spatial data system that allows easier access to | |

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| **ROWIP Theme** | **Theme 2** - Maintain and promote the rights of way network | |
| **ROWIP Action** | **Action 6** - Working in Partnership | |
| **Resources** | G | Resources currently available. A reduction in funding would require status to be reassessed. |
| **Comments** | Establishing and maintaining partnerships both internally and externally is essential in developing and improving the public rights of way and access networks within the County. | |
| **Policy links** | Primary Path Network, Destination Management Plan, Wellbeing Plan, | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | Volunteers, Private Landowners, Public Landowners  Charitable Trusts, Local Authority Partners, Community Councils, Local Residents, User Groups | |
| **Current performance** | **Target met**  Comment:  National Eisteddfod attended in Tregaron. 4 LAF meetings held and 2 LAF sub committee meetings. Regular meetings established with local BHS reps, RA reps and Teifi trail group.  All community access plans prepared and continually updated by office volunteer using information obtained from Clic queries and online questionnaire | |
| **Target 2023/24** | Ensure effective working relationships with farmers and  Landowners. Target agricultural shows/events including National Eisteddfod throughout the year  Ensure effective governance of Local Access Forum and  sub committees  spatial data system that allows easier access to | |

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| **ROWIP Theme** | **Theme 3** - Meeting the current and future needs of all users | |
| **ROWIP Action** | **Action 1** - To provide access for all in Ceredigion | |
| **Resources** | A | Resources are currently available to meet some objectives; however partnership working is essential in meeting some of the more ambitious targets. |
| **Comments** | The main barriers to participation in outdoor activities are physical disability (29%), other health reason (21%) and old age (14%) (according to the Wales Outdoor Recreation Survey) | |
| **Policy links** | Strategic Equality Plan, Local Transport Plan, Destination management Plan, Primary Path Network | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | Volunteers, User groups, Local Authority, Community Councils, Private Landowners, Public Landowners  Charitable Trusts, Neighbouring Authorities | |
| **Current performance** | **Target met**  Comment: Least restrictive access work applied to all works  Promotional literature produced on easy access routes | |
| **Target 2023/24** | Apply least restrictive access to all works, remove barriers to access and improve accessibility | |

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| **ROWIP Theme** | **Theme 3** - Meeting the current and future needs of all users | |
| **ROWIP Action** | **Action 2** - Promote walking opportunities within 3 miles of settlements | |
| **Resources** | A | Resources available although subject to constraints / limitations |
| **Comments** | According to the Wales Outdoor Recreation Survey 2014 walking is the dominant activity (85%) mostly for health and exercise. Average walking distances appear to be relatively short; approximately 3 miles on the Coast Path for example. | |
| **Policy links** | Local Transport Plan, Destination Management Plan,  Primary Path Network, Wellbeing Plan | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | Volunteers, Local Authority, Local Access Forum  Private Landowners, Public Landowners, Charitable Trusts  User groups | |
| **Current performance** | **Target met**  Comment: All category 0 routes reviewed in line with ROWIP objectives. | |
| **Target 2023/24** | When reviewing Category 0 routes priority to be given to routes within 3 miles of a recognised settlement. | |

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| **ROWIP Theme** | **Theme 3** - Meeting the current and future needs of all users | |
| **ROWIP Action** | **Action 3** - Promote cycling and horse-riding opportunities within close proximity of settlements targeting those with adequate amenities such as toilets, parking, shops etc**.** | |
| **Resources** | A | Resources available although subject to constraints / limitations |
| **Comments** | ROWIP assessments identify the connectivity of the network as an issue for cyclists and horse riders. | |
| **Policy links** | Local Transport Plan, Destination Management Plan, Primary Path Network, Wellbeing Plan | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | Local Authority, Local Access Forum, Volunteers  Private Landowners, Public Landowners, Charitable Trusts  User groups | |
| **Current performance** | **Target met**  Comment: All category 0 routes reviewed in line with ROWIP objectives. Comment: All gates installed by CCC have accessible latches installed | |
| **Target 2023/24** | When reviewing Category 0 routes priority to be given to: Routes with links to recognised settlements.  Routes that help create circular rides  Routes that are close to livery yards and stables  Install easily accessible latches to all gates  installed by Ceredigion County Council on multi user  routes | |

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| **ROWIP Theme** | **Theme 3** - Meeting the current and future needs of all users | |
| **ROWIP Action** | **Action 4** - Improve provision of information with regards to routes for motorised recreational vehicles | |
| **Resources** | R | Resources not currently available. Additional funding would be required to deliver this action. |
| **Comments** | Wales has strengths in providing guided motorcycle tourism experiences. A variety of businesses and organisations promote and encourage considerate trail biking in Mid Wales, and provide a unique tourism product. | |
| **Policy links** | Local Transport Plan, Destination Management Plan, | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | Local Authority, Highways Department, LARA  Treadlightly, Landowners, NRW, Neighbouring Authorities  Local Businesses | |
| **Current performance** | **Target partially met**  Comment – initial discussions held with Powys CC about Monks Trod Byway  DPP invited to provide regular updates on irresponsible behaviour to LAF | |
| **Target 2023/24** | Promote discussions with internal and external stakeholders/partners with regards the promotion of existing provision | |

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| **ROWIP Theme** | **Theme 3** - Meeting the current and future needs of all users | |
| **ROWIP Action** | **Action 5** - Improve provision of information with regards to routes for carriage driving | |
| **Resources** | R | Resources not currently available. Additional funding would be required to deliver this action. |
| **Comments** | The number and length of routes in county suggests that there is ample provision for this type of use, which could be augmented through the use of NRW land. Anecdotal information suggests that there may be a perception that path surfaces and limitations (authorised/unauthorised gates) provide unsurmountable barriers to such use. | |
| **Policy links** | Destination Management Plan, Primary Path Network | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | Local Authority, Highways Department, British Driving Society, Landowners, NRW, Neighbouring Authorities  Local Businesses | |
| **Current performance** | **Target met**  A number of Restricted Byways improved and maintained during the year. | |
| **Target 2023/24** | Continue to maintain restricted byways throughout the county | |

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| **ROWIP Theme** | **Theme 3** - Meeting the current and future needs of all users | |
| **ROWIP Action** | **Action 6** - Identify access improvement projects throughout the County | |
| **Resources** | A | Resources available although subject to constraints / limitations – limited officer time available to investigate and deliver |
| **Comments** | Continual identification of projects and grant funding that meet the ROWIP actions is instrumental in meeting the health, wellbeing, active travel and economic objectives identified through Corporate Plans and Policies.  Welsh Government Access Improvement Grant currently provides capacity for some of this work but much depends on this continuing. | |
| **Policy links** | Local Transport Plan  Active Travel, Integrated Network Maps | |
| Policy Requires Review – Y/N \**some policies might need reviewing/updating following changes in legislation etc.* | | |
| **Delivery Partners** | Local Authority, Highways Department, British Driving Society, Landowners, NRW, Neighbouring Authorities  Local Businesses, User Groups | |
| **Current performance** | **Targets met**  Develop and complete projects from the category 2 project list, ROWIP annex 4 list, and local access plans.  Cenarth boardwalk project completed. Talybont - Taliesin green corridor link progressing with some land purchased . Completed projects identified under Access Improvement Grant (Welsh Government). Complete projects identified under Coast Path programme. Complete bridge replacement programme for the year | |
| **Target 2023/24** | Complete Talybont-Taliesin works  Bridge replacement programme completed  All projects developed and completed under the Welsh Government Access Improvement Grant – grant claimed £103k  Complete Coast Path development projects  Target UKSPF funding for project identification and development | |