

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs
<b>Date:</b>	HCC Public Rights of Way Enforcement Policy
<b>Title:</b>	12 January 2021
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside and Rural Affairs approves the Public Rights of Way Enforcement Policy as set out at Appendix 1.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 This report seeks approval of the Public Rights of Way Enforcement Policy for Hampshire County Council. This will ensure that officers fulfil their duty to safeguard the right of the public to use and enjoy the public rights of way network. It will allow officers to carry out that duty to enforce the provisions within current legislation in respect of public rights of way on behalf of Hampshire County Council.
- 2.2 Recent enforcement action has highlighted the need for a robust Enforcement Policy to provide a visible and transparent approach to protecting the public rights of way network. Some other authorities have adopted such a policy and these have provided the basis for the development of this proposal.
- 2.3 Consultation was carried out with the Hampshire Countryside Access Forum and other key stakeholders prior to submission of this report.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 None.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:** None

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:** Not applicable

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**Councillor Edward Heron**

**12 January 2021**

**Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage, Countryside  
and Rural Affairs**