

**TITLE OF REPORT:** Progress of Rights of Way Matters

**REPORT OF:** Strategic Director, Corporate Services and  
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### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To update Committee on the progress of Rights of Way cases, plus the principle works carried out on the network between March 2019 and July 2019.

### **Background**

2. The rights of way matters and completed matters are set out in Appendix 2.

### **Recommendations**

3. It is recommended that the Committee note the report and the updates highlighted in bold.

## APPENDIX 1

### 1. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### 2. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### 3. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### 4. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### 5. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### 6. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### 7. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### 8. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Chopwell and Rowlands Gill, Blaydon, Ryton Crookhill and Stella, Whickham North, Birtley, Lamesley, Crawcrook and Greenside, Dunston Hill and Whickham South and Sunnyside, Winlaton and High Spen

### 9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Nil

## APPENDIX 2

Item No	Case	Ward	Application/ Proposal	Progress/Action
1	North View	Winlaton & High Spen	Definitive Map Modification Order	The order has been made but objections have been received. The Order will need to be sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. This is being prepared to be submitted in due course.
2	Application to add a bridleway between RB 44 and Derwent Walk.	Whickham North, Blaydon	Definitive Map Modification Order	The definitive map modification order has been drafted and waiting for instruction to advertise it.
3	Claim at Thomas Street Eighton Banks Right of Way 62	Lamesley	Definitive Map Modification Order	The order has been made but objections have been received. The papers have been prepared and the Order will be sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation in due course.
4	Claim for a Footpath at Sherburn Towers, Rowlands Gill	Rowlands Gill, Blaydon	Definitive Map Modification Order	An application was received on the 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2015 to record a footpath onto the definitive map and statement at Sherburn Towers, Rowlands Gill, which was approved by committee on 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2016. The order was made on the 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 and the objection period for that order expired on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2016. One objection was received to the order, which was not withdrawn. The papers have been prepared and the order were sent to Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018. <b>We now have a date for a public local inquiry, which will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019.</b>
5	Creation Agreement for Footpath Ryton 120	Ryton	Public Path Creation Agreement	Committee approved the making of a public path creation agreement on 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2012. The draft agreement was sent to the landowner's agent on the 31 October 2017 but they have indicated that they will not be responding until opportunities for the land to the south of the development site are considered.

### Completed Matters

1	<del>Definitive Map</del>	<del>To bring the definitive map and statements into line with the orders and ensure that they are up to date are reviewed and meet the statutory requirements.</del>		<del>A legal event modification order was made on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and the maps and statements were consolidated on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 and advertised on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.</del>
2	<del>Creation Agreement dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 between the Council and Durham Wildlife Trust relating to Bridleway Blaydon 124</del>	<del>Blackhall Mill, Blaydon</del>	<del>Creation Agreement</del>	<del>Committee approved the making of a creation agreement on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and a creation agreement was completed on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to create Bridleway Blaydon 124 at Milkwellburn Wood.</del>

	<b>Milkwellburn Wood, Blackhall Mill, Gateshead</b>			
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**PRINCIPAL WORKS CARRIED OUT ON THE RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK – March 2019 and July 2019.**

<b>March 2019</b>	<b>Derwent Country Park, Rowlands Gill. Bridleway Blaydon 85</b>	Entrance improvements.
<b>March 2019</b>	<b>Watergate Park, Wickham. Footpath Wickham 87</b>	Replaced footbridge.
<b>April 2019</b>	<b>Galloping Green Road, Eighton Banks. Bridleway Lamsley 70</b>	Construction of new horse stile and kissing gate.
<b>May 2019</b>	<b>Annual strimming programme commenced</b>	As agreed with contractor.
<b>May 2019</b>	<b>Blaydon Burn, Blaydon Bridleway Gateshead 29</b>	Surface and drainage improvements.
<b>May 2019</b>	<b>Golf course entrance, Wrekenton Footpath Gateshead 4</b>	Entrance improved, Gate leaf replaced.
<b>May 2019</b>	<b>Hexham Old Road, Blaydon Footpath Blaydon 96</b>	Repair to steps.
<b>June 2019</b>	<b>Dunkirk Farm, Eighton Banks. Footpath Lamsley 44</b>	Stile replaced.
<b>June 2019</b>	<b>Ryton Golf Course, Ryton. Footpath Ryton 75</b>	Surface improvements.