



**CAERPHILLY LOCAL ACCESS FORUM –
24TH FEBRUARY 2023**

**SUBJECT: LAF CHAIRS NATIONAL ACCESS MEETING - CHAIRS
REPORT**

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LOCATION: N/A

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Local Access Forum of the discussed items at the National LAF Chairs Access Meeting and provide the date of the next meeting.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The minutes of the above meeting, provided by NRW, are presented for information and discussion. The date of the next meeting is 14th March.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To update the LAF on the items discussed at the national LAF Charis meeting

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To update the LAF on national LAF discussions

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 The minutes or summary paper of the above meeting are appended. (Appendix 1)

- 5.2 There are 5 principle items of relevance to this LAF to be outlined from the above paper, these being the Sustainable Farming Scheme, working relationships with the Appointing Authorities, the Welsh Government update, the resourcing of Public Rights of Way and the update on outdoor access and recreation.

5.3 The date of the next meeting of the LAF Chairs is 14th March and will be held through Teams. It is envisaged that the meeting thereafter will be undertaken in a hybrid manner.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

6.1 N/A

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 N/A

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 N/A

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 N/A

10. CONSULTATIONS

10.1 Consultation with the Secretary of Caerphilly Local Access Forum.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

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