



CAERPHILLY LOCAL ACCESS FORUM – 24TH FEBRUARY 2023

**SUBJECT: GWENT GREEN GRID PARTNERSHIP – ACCESS
DEVELOPMENT**

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LOCATION: N/A

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Local Access Forum of developments under the access theme of the Gwent Green Grid.

2. SUMMARY

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

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The LAF is asked to note the minutes of the Gwent Green Grid Partnership

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To update the LAF on the Gwent Green Grid Partnership

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 There are five primary themes to the Gwent Green Grid, these being, the delivery of green/blue infrastructure projects with an emphasis on health and well-being, improving access to green space through a green corridors strategic access plan, biodiversity improvements with an emphasis on pollinators, tree planting and to deliver regional priorities in a collaborative and sustainable way. This forum, as well as through individuals and represented groups, have input to several of these themes.

- 5.2 Lepus Consultancy have been appointed to prepare a regional access strategy. This strategy will form the basis of the revised Caerphilly Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) which it is intended to prepare and publish during the coming financial year. The LAF will be involved in the production of the revised RoWIP as well as having the opportunity to influence the regional strategy.
- 5.3 Whilst not directly associated with the above, the Caerphilly Active Travel Plan is available to view on line. There are some 400 proposals, set out zonally, spanning a 15 year programme period. Further consultation will be taking place on this.
- 5.4 Mr Richard Garner, the Gwent Green Grid Regional Access Officer will present on the initiative to date. He will set out the potential for further LAF involvement and report on the consultants findings from a meeting on 15th February, including the identification of the strategic green corridors.

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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