**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 into 65/140 Brynhoffnant continuing  One order to add a footpath in Cardigan has been published  Final representations submitted to PEDW on FP 3/33 Taliesin; awaiting formal decision | |
| **Target 2025/26** | Conclude case of FP 3/33 when decision received from PEDW  Determine application 65/140 Brynhoffnant  Make order for claim in Llangrannog on NT land | |

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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** | A | Resources available through time limited UKSPF project |
| **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** | Target met  Discussions with landowners on a number of schemes where new access may be created including the creation of the missing link of the Ystwyth Trail into Tregaron, a circular walk linking the Wales Coast Path in Taliesin and a path from Bow Street to Clarach. | |
| **Target 2025/26** | Seek funding for continuation of Greenspace project and to continue to develop projects. Look to purchase the land for the Ystwyth Trail into Tregaron. Look to develop open access circular in Taliesin linking to the coast path. | |

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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** | G | Resources available |
| **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 **6** diversion orders made.  One order on FP 72/16 submitted to PEDW following formal objections – representations submitted to PEDW | |
| **Target 2025/26** | Make diversion orders for all fee paying applications within 12 months of receipt of valid applications.  Complete FP 72/16 following PEDW decision | |

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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 met**  6 Confirmation notices published | |
| **Target 2025/26** | 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**  Sub-committee meetings held 2nd May 2024 and 18th December 2024 to consider Cat 0 issues.  Surveying of Cat 0 and Cat 2projects undertaken within year, through use of consultants and volunteers. | |
| **Target 2025/26** | 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 met**  Comment:  93 work party days convened during the year. 61 gates installed and 8 bridges replaced or maintained. Numerous waymarking posts and clearance work completed.  Adopt a path volunteer base remains steady with over 100 members.  Regular meetings held with British Horse Society (BHS), Ceredigion Bridleway Group, the Ramblers and Teifi Trail groups  Donation of £2,000.00 received from Aberystwyth Ramblers, £800.00 from Cardigan Ramblers and £1,000.00 from the BHS gate fund | |
| **Target 2025/26** | Arrange 80 individual volunteer work parties per year and continue to seek opportunities for adopt a path scheme development.  Look to develop Trail Champion groups to undertake path maintenance works | |

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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 funding 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 drafts complete and shared with internal stakeholders. Cliff monitoring inspections completed. A number of bridges replaced with corporate capital funding. Annual brush cutting contract completed. Circa £100k of funding obtained from NRW for a number of local improvements/developments/realignment projects.  Coast path at Wallog protected following emergency closure | |
| **Target 2025/26** | Conduct condition surveys in line with established quality standards. Maintain path in line with established 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:  Targeted emails sent to accommodations providers, local user groups, stakeholders and Health Care provides.  New and updated horse riding routes produced and included on the public website  Online questionnaire being shared to understand customer needs and social return on investment of access improvement works.  Campaign to promote responsible behaviours in the countryside continuing – regular social media bulletins about dog fouling, dogs on lead etc.  Website has been updated with routes divided into user category and location. Previous inspection dates included on website for horse riding routes.  Pilot project working with schools – Talybont school visited to raise awareness of responsible behaviours and opportunities | |
| **Target 2025/26** | 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. Provide further details on shared responsibilities in managing countryside access.  Continue to share countryside code messaging and access opportunities with schools  Look to publish location of promoted routes on the interactive map | |

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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 – testing complete and has been shared with public to use via “my account”  CAMS software updated with links to back office systems improved  Collaborative working with WG on new Wales wide digital access map. | |
| **Target 2025/26** | Continual updating and upgrading of software to new versions as and when required  Develop greater linkages between Clic staff and CAMS  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:  4 LAF meetings held and 2 LAF sub committee meetings held.  Regular meetings established with local BHS reps, Ceredigion Bridleway Group members, Ramblers Association reps and Teifi Trail group.  Internal greenspace meetings continued throughout the year identifying issues and opportunities.  Attendance of National/Regional Coast Path meetings, National Access Forum meetings and Rights of Way Managers Group meetings. | |
| **Target 2025/26** | Ensure continued effective governance of LAF, LAF  sub committees and regular user group meetings.  Continual arranging and attendance of both internal and  external meetings  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.  Accessibility surveys undertaken for sections of WCP, Pumlumon and inland circular routes  WCP now made available on google Streetview; uploads continuing | |
| **Target 2025/26** | Continue to apply least restrictive access to all works, removing barriers to access and improve accessibility  Use Greenspace project to identify new access opportunities  Complete Street view uploads and explore new opportunities to showcase inland routes, providing greater information so that the public can make informed decisions as to where they can access. | |

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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.  Cat 0 and Cat 2 Project routes surveyed using consultants and volunteers  Brushcutting programme targeting high level use routes  Greenspace project funded through UKSPF continues to identify missing links and opportunities to improve accessibility | |
| **Target 2025/26** | When reviewing Category 0 routes priority to be given to routes within 3 miles of a recognised settlement.  Continue to develop new opportunities through the Greenspace project. Continue to survey Cat 0 and Cat 2 Project routes to inform future projects. | |

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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  New promotional literature produced identifying horse friendly routes. Revamp of public website to make it easier to find routes and survey information included to allow the public to make informed decisions. | |
| **Target 2025/26** | 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**  DPP invited to provide regular updates on irresponsible behaviour to LAF  Trail Riders Fellowship (TRF) member attending LAF meetings  Provide input where necessary to Highways service who manage routes for mechanically propelled vehicles in Ceredigion | |
| **Target 2025/26** | DPP to be invited to provide regular updates on irresponsible behaviour to LAF  Continue to provide input where necessary to Highways service who manage routes for mechanically propelled vehicles in Ceredigion  Target irresponsible/illegal use through use of modern technology such as trail cameras | |

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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 2025/26** | Continue to maintain restricted byways throughout the county  Continue to reclassify RUPPs to provide certainty with regards to provision of routes in 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**  Developed a number of projects from the category 2 project list, ROWIP annex 4 list, and local access plans.  Completed projects identified under Access Improvement Grant (Welsh Government).  Completed projects identified under Coast Path development/improvement grant including 3rd phase at Llanrhystud to remove conflict between walkers and vehicles  Completed bridge replacement programme for the year  A number of greenspace projects being developed with officer funded under UKSPF grant. | |
| **Target 2025/26** | Complete Bridge replacement programme  Deliver projects under the Welsh Government Access Improvement Grant  Complete Coast Path development projects for the year  Develop greenspace projects under UKSPF funding  Identify further grant funded opportunities throughout the year  Look to purchase the land for the Ystwyth Trail into Tregaron. Look to develop open access circular in Taliesin linking to the coast path. | |