

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
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**PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY, COMMUNITIES  
AND PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR  
PUBLIC HEALTH, PROTECTION & COMMUNITY  
SERVICES**

<b>Agenda Item No. 4</b>
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<b>PROPOSED REVIEW OF “OUT &amp; ABOUT”: THE RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR RHONDDA CYNON TAF</b>
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**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 Out and About: The Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Rhondda Cynon Taf was produced in 2007 under the provisions of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that Members scrutinise the contents of the report.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 In July 2016, the Welsh Government published guidance regarding the decennial review of these plans. The guidance suggests that all plans will need to be reviewed because of the changing legislative background in Wales, however it specifies an assessment process to be followed to inform the decision whether or not to review the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) and requires that a formal decision is made within 10 years of the initial publication.

3.2 An Assessment Report (and appendices) has been prepared which includes:

- an evaluation of the original ‘Out & About’,
- consideration of the current condition of the access resource,
- future public need,
- Active Travel,
- Public Service Board and the Well-being Plan for Cwm Taf,
- Area Statements and
- land managers, heritage and nature conservation.

#### 4.0 **CONCLUSION**

4.1 The report concludes that a formal review of 'Out & About: the Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Rhondda Cynon Taf' is necessary.

4.2 It also recommends that the Review, which should be completed within twelve months, should consider:

- the findings of the assessment ,
- the Well-being of Future Generations Act,
- the Active Travel (Wales) Act
- the Environment (Wales) Act , and
- the emerging CwmTaf Well-being Plan.