

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING, TAXI LICENSING AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

16th June 2022

**REPORT BY: HEAD OF HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
RECYCLING**

**SUBJECT: Appointment of Council representative to Powys
Local Access Forum**

REPORT FOR: DECISION

Title: Appointment of Council representative to Powys Local Access Forum

Background:

1. The Powys Local Access Forum is a statutory advisory body to the Council in relation to countryside access matters.
2. Local Access Fora are appointed by every local Highway Authority and National Park Authority in England and Wales, under the provisions of section 94 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
3. The Council appoints the members for a term of 3 years at a time. The membership is made up of individuals with a wide variety of perspectives on countryside access. It must include representatives of users of local rights of way and of landowners and occupiers, together with any other interests that may be relevant to the Authority's area.
4. There is a Memorandum of Understanding between Powys County Council and the Powys Local Access Forum. This sets out the relationship between the Council and the Forum (as an independent advisory body.)
5. The Local Access Forum currently meets quarterly. This has been via Teams during the COVID 19 outbreak; it can also include in person meetings and site visits where this would assist with the discussion.
6. There is a Council representative on the Forum, being a member of the Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee. Following the Local Government elections in May 2022, there is a need to appoint a new Council representative to the Forum.

Recommendation:

That the Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee appoints a Council representative to the Powys Local Access Forum.