

# CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

**Report to:** Thriving Communities Scrutiny Committee

**Date of meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Title:** Local Access Forum (LAF) Annual Report

**Purpose of the report:** To raise awareness of the work of the LAF and its role

**Reason Scrutiny have requested the information:**

For information

## **Background**

The Ceredigion Local Access Forum is set up under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to advise the County Council, Natural Resources Wales and others on the way that access to the countryside is improved and managed. The Forum is a statutory body encouraged to set its own agenda.

Local Access Forums represent a broad spectrum of interests and members play an important role in improving and managing access to the County's diverse and attractive countryside. Forums are appointed for a three year term.

To those interested in developing public access and associated recreation it can be an effective interface with Ceredigion County Council, Government Agencies and other organisations who have responsibilities or interests in these topics.

## **Current Situation**

LAF members are appointed on a three-year basis; Ceredigion County Council as the Appointing Authority appointed the current Forum in 2022 and members will sit until 2025.

## **Wellbeing of Future Generations:**

**Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If, not, please state why.**

No – Report only on progress of the Forum

## **Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:**

**Long term:** N/A

**Collaboration:** N/A

**Involvement:** N/A

**Prevention:** N/A

**Integration:** N/A

**Recommendation(s):** For information only; to raise awareness of the work of the Local Access Forum and the preparation of the Annual Report

**Reasons for decision:**

Information only

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**Acronyms:** Local Access Forum (LAF)