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RUTLAND COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS FORUM

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COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS VOLUNTEERS

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1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To explain the benefits of having Countryside Access Volunteers and recommend the way forward.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 Lincolnshire County Council uses volunteers to help ensure the PROW are in good order. Clearly being able to use volunteers to assist in maintaining Rutland PROW will help improve the accessibility of the routes. The Lincolnshire County Council information pack for would be Rights of Way volunteers, is included in the appendix.
- 2.2 Currently the Rights of Way team is short of one member of staff. If it is decided that volunteers should be used in this area, then training of volunteers would need to be put on hold until the vacancy is filled and the probationary period is completed successfully by this member of staff.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 John Law to discuss this issue with Stuart Crook once the new member of staff has completed their probationary period successfully.

4 APPENDICES

4.1 See the Lincolnshire County Council information attached