Report

AGENDA ITEM 8

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Title   **Ploughing and Cropping Leaflet**

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Summary

1. The current leaflet, provided as advice to farmers in the County, requires re–printing. The forum is invited to comment on the make up of the current leaflet and suggest any changes or improvements.

Recommendation

The leaflet is reprinted subject to any agreed changes

Background Information

2. A copy of the current leaflet, issued by way of advice to farmers in their management of the rights of way network on arable land, is enclosed with this report. Prior to the meeting Members of the Forum should consider the content of the enclosed leaflet and bring with them any comments or suggested changes to be discussed.

3. The current leaflet was put together with the full support of the Ramblers' Association, Chiltern Society, CLA and NFU. It shows joint working and sends out a firm and fair message to the farming community. It is widely available and distributed to farmers whenever the Council makes contact with them with concerns as to arable operations.

Resource implications

4. Production of the leaflet is seen as fundamental advice to the farming community in their management of rights of way on arable land and makes clear what is expected. Production costs can be contained within existing resources.

Communication

5. The County Council intends issuing a press release, to advise farmers about the necessity of looking after paths on their arable land, and the consequences of not doing so.

Background Papers

Leaflet - Ploughing, Crops & Public Rights of Way

Copies may be obtained from the Contact Officer

Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose name, telephone number and email address is given at the head of the paper.