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Restructure

As part of the Council's 'Transformation' programme, the Planning, Environment and Development Service has restructured management posts. The former post of 'Rights of Way and Access Group Manager' has been deleted and is encompassed within a wider remit of 'Environment Group Manager'. Mike Walker has been appointed to this post which encompasses Rights of Way, Natural Environment, Historic Environment (Archaeology), Gypsy & Traveller Services, Sustainability and Country Parks.

The Strategic Access Team Leader and Assistant posts have been deleted and Jonathan Clark's role as Strategic Access Officer will now fall within the Natural Environment Team, the Team Leader for which will now have an extended role to cover this aspect. Fiona Broadbent will continue to run the 'Simply Walk' initiative but within Sue Burchell's Definitive Map Team. Sue will be reducing her hours to work 3 days per week from April. Joanne Taylor's post as Maintenance and Enforcement Team Leader remains as before, but the contracts of two temporary posts terminate this month and will not be renewed.

Budgets

In February 2010 the Council determined that the budget available to the Rights of Way Service would be reduced by £68,000. A three year, £100,000 capital investment programme also comes to an end this month. John Elfes wrote to County Council Members in support of the work of the Group in an effort to avoid the proposed budget cuts (Appendix 1).

Recommendation: Members to note.