



## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

# Report

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### AGENDA ITEM 7

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**Title:** Countryside Agency and DEFRA Action Plan for Supporting LAFs

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#### **A Introduction**

It has been long recognised that there are some Local Access Forums (LAF's) working well whilst many are struggling to find a real role. Over the last 12 months the Countryside Agency (CA) has been undertaking research, involving Access Authorities, LAF members and consultants. Out of this work an Action Plan has been created.

Forum members are invited to comment on this action plan

The purpose of this Action Plan is to outline how the Countryside Agency, Defra, and the Local Government Association, intend to respond to, and where appropriate implement, the recommendations contained in the 2005 research report by the CCRU (Countryside & Community Research Unit), University of Gloucestershire.

The aim is to better support and develop the work of LAFs (local access forums) in England. The Action Plan is divided into seven broad themes, each of which includes specific actions. Details of action point contents may be found in Section 8 of CCRU's report. Please note that the Action Plan is not immutable – it should be regarded as a working document.

#### **B Proposed Action**

**Members will be invited to raise questions or comment**

#### **C BACKGROUND PAPERS: Attached**

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