

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON GROUP**

*To provide a forum for consultation between Bristol City Council and other parties concerned with public rights of way matters including:-*

- a) Policy matters relating to the maintenance, protection, recording and development of public rights of way in Bristol.
- b) The development of priorities for action.
- c) Promotional material, supplementary planning guidance and other publications relating to public rights of way.
- d) Informal discussions on modifications, reclassifications, diversions, dedications, creations and extinguishment order proposals.
- e) The effective development of strategic paths including the Community Forest Path, Severn Way, Bristol-Bath Railway Path, Ashton-Pill and the Avon Towpath.
- f) Any other matters relating to public rights of way which the PROW Liaison Group considers can be usefully discussed, including the invitation of local agencies/voluntary groups to specific meetings to debate localised proposals and schemes.
- g) To provide a forum for the discussion of citywide/strategic matters affecting public rights of way with representation on the PROW Liaison Group by groups/agencies with this citywide responsibility role. (If unable to attend, representatives may nominate a substitute.)
- h) The forum is to be convened four times during any one municipal year, meeting at 6.30 pm (changed by agreement with PROW Liaison Group members) at the Council House on dates to be notified.
- i) The Chair of the Forum is to be rotated at each meeting, to be elected by PROW Liaison Group members at the preceding meeting, unless members agree to appoint a permanent Chair.

**Members of the Public Rights of Way Liaison Group:**

- a) One representative from appropriate agencies and organisations which have responsibility for dealing with strategic/citywide footpath and pedestrian matters.
- b) One representative from Bristol City Council Disability Advisors.
- c) Officers from Bristol City Council Public Rights of Way

*Others who may wish to attend on an occasional basis:*

- Members of the Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee.
- Bristol City Council Officers - Land Charges, Highway Maintenance and Leisure Services.
- Other City Council officers dependent on items for discussion at the meeting.
- Public rights of way officers from Bath and North East Somerset Council, North Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Councils (councillors may also attend).
- Representatives from any other organisation invited to present on a specific issue at a particular meeting.