

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Thursday 3 December 2015
Report Subject	Countryside Access Management System (CAMS)
Cabinet Member	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment
Report Author	Chief Officer (Planning & Environment)
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide Members with information about the Countryside Access Management System (CAMS) and CAMS web – the internet-enabled module for reporting faults on public rights of way. (There will be a practical demonstration of CAMS web at the meeting.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	For members to note the contents of this report and receive a demonstration of the CAMS web system.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CAMS)
1.01	CAMS is a database linked to a Geographical Information System (GIS) that has been used by the County Council's Rights of Way Section for nearly 20 years to log issues that the public report on rights of way throughout the County. It was developed by Exegesis, a company based near Brecon.
1.02	The system has been updated and upgraded over the years, and in 2014 the Council launched CAMS web – the internet-enabled module that allows members of the public to report problems direct. If anyone wishes to report an issue on a public right of way, they must first register their details

	through CAMS, whereupon they will be provided with a personal log-in. Once registered, they can access the digital rights of way map that enables them to locate their problem and enter exact details via drop-down lists. Each report is allocated a unique reference number, which when entered during any subsequent visits to the site will allow users to check progress with any issue they have reported.
1.03	Flintshire's CAMS web is currently being upgraded so that in the future, automatic emails will provide updated information to anyone who has reported a problem via this system.
1.04	Many people are already using this system and, with the above upgrades, even more should be encouraged to do so.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	By enabling the public to make use of this facility, it will reduce the number of routine calls that the section takes and improve efficiency by freeing up staff time so that they can concentrate on some of the more pressing and longstanding issues.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	None

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	None

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	None

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	Contact Officer: Stephen Bartley - Senior Rights of Way Officer Telephone: 01352 704622 E-mail: steve.bartley@flintshire.gov.uk

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	1. CAMS Countryside Access Management System CAMS - a complete database and map management system designed to simplify the task of managing and maintaining public rights of way.

2. Geographical Information System (GIS) – a computer system for capturing, storing, checking, and displaying data related to positions on the Earth's surface. GIS can show many different kinds of data on one map.

3. Public right of way - a highway over which the public have a right to pass and repass. There are three types in Flintshire:

- a. Public footpath - a right of way on foot
- b. Public bridleway - a right of way on foot and on horseback and for bicyclists
- c. Byway open to all traffic – a highway for vehicles and all other traffic used mainly by non-vehicular traffic.