

5. PROPOSAL TO RE-INVIGORATE AND RAISE THE PROFILE OF THE WEST LOTHIAN LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services outlining proposals to re-structure and raise the profile of the Local Access Forum (LAF) in the West Lothian Council area.

The panel was asked to note the actions below to be taken to re-structure and raise the profile of the West Lothian LAF Forum and to support this report going forward to the Council Executive for approval:

- Support the constitution, aims and purposes of the West Lothian Local Access Forum
- Note the support to be provided to and the procedures and Standing Orders to be followed by the West Lothian Local Access Forum
- Support that reports of the operation of the West Lothian Local Access Forum will be brought annually to the Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel for noting

Decision

1. To note the content of the report;
2. To support the re-structure of the Local Access Forum;
3. To suggest the inclusion of representatives from Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Services, landowners, NFU, SRUC and the Joint Forum of Community Councils on the group
4. To agree that the report be presented to a future meeting of Council Executive for approval.