



Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Simon Pickering (Chair)	Welsh Government – Head of Landscape & Outdoor Recreation
Jont Bulbeck	Natural Resources Wales
Eifion Jones (BBNPA)	Representing the 3 National Park Authorities and 5 AONBs
Adrian Walls	Welsh Rights of Way Managers Working Group
Ben Sears	Welsh Local Government Association

Technical and secretarial support:

Name	Organisation
Joe Roberts	Natural Resources Wales
Jayne Carter	Natural Resources Wales
Helen Lewis	Welsh Government - Landscape & Outdoor Recreation

Key decisions and actions arising	Owner
<p>Notes and actions from previous meeting (26/01/2021)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Point 6: documents require amendments to meet new accessibility criteria before they can be published on the WG website. HL to check whether the WG design team will do this on the NRW reports or whether this would be best done by NRW. Point 12: NRW have completed the updated briefing for NAF and LAF members. 	HL
<p>Final Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> JB presented the draft report structure. The steering group agreed the overall structure for the report. The draft chapter for reform 1B was reviewed in detail. Recommendations and general comments included: standardising introduction across all reform chapters, full details of key elements to be included in appendices rather than in the 	

<p>main body of the document, and support for the commentary approach on points raised.</p> <p>5. The steering group will review the final report at the next meeting (23 March) prior to its issue to expert group members. An additional steering group meeting will be scheduled for 29 April to enable final review and sign-off of the report following inclusion of relevant feedback from expert group members.</p>	
<p>Cross-cutting Themes workshops</p> <p>6. JR summarised the format of the recent cross-cutting themes workshops. Expert group members were presented with a series of suggestions in advance of the meetings and given the opportunity to comment on whether they considered the approaches were positive or negative.</p> <p>7. The output reports from the two workshops were reviewed. These combine option preferences, commentary and additional comments/suggestions emerging from the discussions. WG to review further and comment on whether the report outcomes provide sufficient information to enable WG to take the recommendations forward to the next stage in the new term of government.</p>	WG
<p>Timeline update</p> <p>8. Target dates for next stages:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First draft complete – 12 March • Review and proof-reading – 17 March • Steering Group review – 23 March • Inclusion of steering group comments – 26 March • Review by Expert Group members: 26 March – 16 April • Final amendments and Steering group sign-off – 29 April • Submission to Minister – 30 April 	ALL
<p>Any other business</p> <p>9. WG have draft budget approval for funding to continue work on the access reform programme next year. This will include progressing next steps as outlined through the ARAG work and</p>	

implementing the separate technical/legislative proposals which were agreed in 2019 but delayed in 2020 due to Covid19.

10. The Access to Water sub-group of the National Access Forum Wales will submit a separate report to the Minister with the results of their discussions and further recommendations. This work has been continuing separately but in parallel with the ARAG reporting.