

To the Welsh Ministers,

Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013: Reporting Duties



In accordance with the duties under sections 7 (3) and 10 (2) of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, please find below Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's annual report for the 2016/17 financial year.

<p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p>	<p>Existing Route Map (ERM) – upon receipt of Ministerial approval of the Council's ERM on 12th August'16, the Council promoted and publicised the ERM via the website, utilised existing networks, staff newsletters, press releases and social media etc.</p> <p>Integrated Network Map (INM) – early in 2017 (Jan-Feb), an initial opportunity was taken to conduct a short, focused public / stakeholder consultation to determine what active travel journeys are currently made; what perceived or actual barriers exist that limit the ability to make active travel journeys; and which routes are considered desirable to be included on the INM.</p> <p>The public, delivery partners, 'seldom heard groups' and children / young people were specifically targeted with a variety of engagement methods employed, including an online survey, a community event and school 'show of hands' surveys.</p> <p>These efforts supplemented work that officers had already carried out in respect of community events and visits to a number of schools across the County Borough, where pupils had been actively engaged in workshop discussion about their journeys to school and other activities.</p> <p>The Council promoted and publicised all INM consultation activities via the website, utilising existing networks, staff newsletters and social media, as well as attending a number of Secondary Schools, discussing the INM with several age groups hearing their views.</p> <p><i>[Note: a second (12 week) consultation will be held in the Summer of 2017 providing the opportunity for the public and stakeholders to comment on the Council's draft INM].</i></p>
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Internal Liaison – ongoing liaison with colleagues from Planning, Highways and Education departments to encourage promotion of and provision for active travel as part of new developments.

NPT Map for Cyclists – utilising data from the Council’s approved ERM, the ‘Neath Port Talbot – Map for Cyclists’ (prepared in partnership with colleagues from the City and County of Swansea), has been distributed to a wide variety of public buildings across the County Borough.

Road Safety Team – the Road Safety Team undertook a number of activities to promote Active Travel including¹:

- **Cyclecraft (On road cycle training):** 20 Schools, 308 pupils, Year 6 pupils.
- **Cycle Awareness** (Years 3-Year 6): 10 Schools, 487 pupils.
- **Scooter Training** (all ages): 4 Schools, 63 pupils.
- **Balance Bike Training** (Nursery & Reception): 2 Schools, 50 pupils.
- **Foundation Stage Cycling** (Year 1 & 2): 4 Primary Schools, 241 pupils.
- **Road Safety Walks** (all ages): 4 Primary Schools, 423 pupils.
- **Kerbcraft** (Child Pedestrian Training Year 2): 33 Schools, 875 pupils.
- **Annual Quiz:** Road Safety hosts an annual quiz for Year 5 pupils, which is offered to all primary schools in Neath Port Talbot.

[Note: school figures are based on the academic year September 2016 - July 2017].

¹ The figures for 2016/17 indicate a slight reduction from the previous year. This is attributed to the fact that the Council’s Primary Coordinator who delivers training to all Primary Schools was appointed to a new role in January’17. A new Coordinator has now been appointed and will start fully in the role from September’17 onwards.

<p>The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements</p>	<p>Completion of Skewen Link to administrative boundary with City & County of Swansea (and beyond).</p> <p>Completion of the re-routing of NCN4 through Baglan Energy Park.</p> <p>Completion of the re-routing of NCN4 past Neath Port Talbot Hospital.</p> <p><i>[Note: all schemes were completed in March 2017].</i></p>
<p>Costs incurred for new active travel routes and facilities and improvements of existing active travel routes and related facilities carried out in the preceding full financial year</p>	<p>Skewen Link to administrative boundary with City & County of Swansea (and beyond) - £192k.</p> <p>Re-routing of NCN4 through Baglan Energy Park - £26.7k</p> <p>Re-routing of NCN4 past Neath Port Talbot Hospital - £15.8k.</p>

In addition to the above (optional):

<p>Indicative spending for new active travel routes and facilities and improvements of existing active travel routes and related facilities funded or part funded by third parties.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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Additional information (optional)

N/A

I confirm that this report will be published, in accordance with the statutory Delivery Guidance.

Chief Executive