

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 Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's annual report for the year 2019-2020.

<p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p>	<p><b>Active Travel Network Map</b> The Council continues to promote and publicise the approved Active Travel Network Maps on the Council's website, which includes an Interactive Map facility.</p> <p><b>Internal Liaison</b> Ongoing liaison with colleagues from Planning, Highways and Education departments to encourage promotion of and provision for active travel as part of new developments.</p> <p><b><i>Scheme / Route Promotion and Engagement</i></b> Comprising public / stakeholder events and publicity, social media advertising and survey work.</p> <p><b>Road Safety Team</b> The Road Safety Team undertook a number of activities to promote Active Travel including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Cyclecraft (On road cycle training): 15 Schools, 192 Pupils</li><li>- Primary Classroom Education: 26 schools, 4672 pupils</li><li>- Assemblies (Primary): 7 schools, 1021 pupils</li><li>- Cycle Awareness (Years 3- Year 6): 5 schools, 205 pupils</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scooter Training (all ages): 5 schools, 171 pupils</li> <li>- Balance Bike Training (Nursery &amp; Reception): 3 schools, 172 pupils</li> <li>- Foundation Stage Cycling (Year 1 &amp; 2): 5 schools, 204 pupils</li> <li>- Road Safety Walks (all ages): 19 schools, 776 pupils</li> <li>- Kerbcraft (Child Pedestrian Training Year 2): 31 Schools, 627 Pupils</li> <li>- Annual Quiz: Road Safety hosts an annual quiz for Year 6 pupils, which is offered to all primary schools in Neath Port Talbot: 25 schools, 125 pupils</li> </ul> <p>[Note: school figures are based on the academic year September 2019 - July 2020].</p> <p>[Note: from March 2020 to April 2021, visitors were not permitted to enter any Neath Port Talbot Schools due to stringent regulations around the pandemic. This has obviously significantly impacted on Neath Port Talbot's training figures, with most training taking place remotely over MS Teams. Many events did not take place such as the Road Safety Quiz and Walk / Scoot to School events due to the restrictions around mixing bubbles and large gatherings.]</p>
<p>The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements</p>	<p><b><i>Pontardawe Active Travel Route (Phase 1 &amp; 2)</i></b> – comprising of widening the active travel route, resurfacing, road markings, provision of signage, removal/replacement of non-compliant barriers and clearance of encroaching vegetation.</p>

	<p><b>Angel Street to Dwr Y Felin Comprehensive School</b> – defining and improving the footway between the existing footbridge and Neath town centre, including resurfacing and the installation of dropped crossings/tactile pavings.</p> <p><b>Pre-Work Feasibility Activities (Various Routes)</b> – comprising design, land negotiation and consultation / engagement.</p> <p><b>Active Travel Route Sign Audit and Design</b> – an audit was undertaken to establish the number, type and suitability of signs in place across the Active Travel network.</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>Neath Port Talbot was awarded £334k core funding for further design work, minor improvement works, land negotiations and promotion of schemes. In addition £405k was awarded for 'Phase 2 Pontardawe Active Travel Route.</p>

In addition to the above, the following information provides an overview of infrastructure that has been implemented during the previous year:

<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>- £0</p>
<p>Length of new routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Walking</li> <li>- Cycling</li> <li>- Shared Use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Angel Street to Dwr Y Felin Comprehensive School Walking - 112m</li> </ul>
<p>Length of improved routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Walking</li> <li>- Cycling</li> <li>- Shared Use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pontardawe Active Travel Route (Phase 1 &amp; 2) Shared use - 3130m</li> <li>- Angel Street to Dwr Y Felin Comprehensive School Walking 112m</li> </ul>

New and improved active travel facilities	<p><b>Audit of Access Control Measures</b> – an audit was undertaken to establish the number, type and suitability of barriers in place across the network.</p> <p><b>Removal / Replacement of Access Control Measures (Phase 1)</b> – informed by the audit, 14 prioritised control measures were removed or replaced with bollards (where appropriate.)</p>
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Additional information (optional)

I confirm that this report will be published online and made available in hard copy on request, in accordance with the statutory Active Travel Act Guidance (2021 edition).

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