

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 2021-2022.

<p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p>	<p>Renewal of NPT's active travel mapping - to comply with the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 NPT's ATNM was submitted to WG on the 31st December 2021 following three consultations. The council's ATNM was approved in August 2022.</p> <p>To provide further background information to the revised ATNM's the council has undertaken 4 cycling, 92 walking and 204 shared-use active travel audits this financial year. These routes encompass all of the short-term, future routes on the new maps.</p> <p>Promotion of Schemes and Monitoring and Evaluation A photographer has undertaken promotional photographs along key locations in Neath Port Talbot. Monitoring and evaluation of 47 existing and future routes was undertaken to capture pedestrian, cycle and traffic data.</p> <p>The council employed a consultant to design a new look active travel webpages along with branding, a strapline and social media assets. These new webpages are due to be launched when NPT's ATNM becomes publically viewable.</p> <p>Internal Liaison Ongoing liaison with colleagues from Planning, Highways, Road Safety, Streetcare (maintenance of routes) and Education departments to</p>
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encourage promotion of and provision for active travel as part of new developments.

Road Safety Team

The Road Safety Team undertook a number of activities to promote Active Travel including:

- Cyclecraft (On road cycle training): **16 schools, 508 pupils**
- Primary Classroom Education: **31 schools 5822 pupils**
- Assemblies (Primary): **0**
- Cycle Awareness (Years 3- Year 6): **16 schools, 972 pupils**
- Scooter Training (all ages): **16 schools, 750 pupils**
- Balance Bike Training (Nursery & Reception): **0**
- Foundation Stage Cycling (Year 1 & 2): **1 Beavers Club, 35 children**
- Road Safety Walks (all ages): **2 schools, 87 children**
- Kerbcraft (Child Pedestrian Training Year 2): **0**
- Short Pedestrian Training Course (6 weeks training): **67 Schools, 2,143 Pupils**
- The Big Pedal (which NPT supports Sustrans): **6 schools, 2717 journeys**
- Annual Quiz: Road Safety hosts an annual quiz for Year 6 pupils, which is offered to all

	<p>primary schools in Neath Port Talbot: 0</p> <p>- Crucial Crew - 51 schools, 1704 pupils</p> <p>[Note: school figures are based on the academic year September 2021 - July 2022.]</p>
<p>The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements</p>	<p>Blaengwrach to Glynneath- the villages of Blaengwrach and Cwmgwrach are separated from Glynneath by the A465. This route is vital to these communities as the route is the only safe pedestrian access between the villages where key services such as schools, retail, leisure facilities and medical centres are located; this is a vital link to prevent many the residents of these communities from becoming segregated.</p> <p>The original route was a pedestrian route which provided a link from the communities of Cwmgwrach and Blaengwrach to Glynneath by allowing safe passage through an underpass under the A465 and over a footbridge over the River Neath. The footbridge over the river Neath had been replaced by NPT following irreparable damage to the previous bridge during storm Dennis. The new footbridge was constructed with greater width to allow the construction of a shared use path.</p> <p>The remainder of the route had failed the active travel assessment.</p> <p>The objectives of the scheme were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widening the existing footways to accommodate a shared use path. • Improve accessibility for all users

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the link with the newly constructed health Centre and NCN 46. <p>Tonna- A speed reduction crossing was installed on NCN46, crossing the B4434.</p> <p>Improved crossings- improvements to crossings including the realignment of junctions and installation of tactile paving and dropped kerbs at 11 locations in NPT.</p> <p>Pre-works – This has included feasibility, design, land negotiation and consultation / engagement on various routes in the county.</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 Council was awarded £721K core funding for further design work, minor improvement works, land negotiations and promotion of schemes.</p> <p>In addition, £50K was awarded to look at a feasibility study for a route to access Baglan train station.</p> <p>Furthermore, the council received £45K for capacity and promotion.</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"> - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use 	<p>- 0m</p>
<p>Length of improved routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walking 	<p>Blaengwrach to Glynneath shared use path- 0.5KM</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cycling - Shared Use 	
<p>New and improved active travel facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removal of access control measures (phase 3) = removal of 18 non-compliant barriers/gates - Installation of cycle storage in 2 locations - Installation of 8 seats alongside cycle routes in the County Borough. - The council upgraded 10 fixed cycle counters, to feed into future monitoring and evaluation.

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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