

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 2017/18 financial year.

<p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p>	<p>Existing Route Map (ERM) / Integrated Network Map (INM) – a 12 week consultation was held between 26th June through to 18th September 2017, providing the opportunity for the public and stakeholders to comment on the limited number of revisions to the Council's ERM and draft INM.</p> <p>A consultation document was prepared by the Council which aimed to make clear the definition of active travel, the type of journeys that would be catered for, and the key messages / aspirations of the Council for the next 15 years.</p> <p>These key messages and aspirations were communicated via a comprehensive consultation / communications strategy which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Correspondence being dispatched to all relevant individuals, stakeholders / delivery partners, organisations, schools and 'seldom heard groups'.• The development of a questionnaire / on-line survey.• Website with 'interactive' map facility.• Press releases.• A series of Tweets and Facebook posts were issued via the Council's corporate social media account.• Hard copies of maps and questionnaires were made available in Civic Centres and libraries across the County Borough.• Existing networks were utilised, such as an article in the Council's staff newsletter and attending the 'local access forum' to inform landowners of the consultation.• In collaboration with Sustrans, Active Travel workshops were undertaken in two schools.• Three community engagement events took place in Neath, Port Talbot and Pontardawe.
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These efforts combined resulted in a good response to the consultation, all of which was documented in a 'Consultation Report'.

Upon receipt of Ministerial approval of the Council's revised ERM and INM on 27th February 2018, the Council promoted and publicised the approved maps on the Council's website, which includes an [Interactive Map](#) facility.

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.

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

- **Cyclecraft (On road cycle training):** 24 schools, 418 pupils.
- **Cycle Awareness** (Years 3-Year 6): 9 Schools, 506 pupils.
- **Scooter Training** (all ages): 13 Schools, 832 pupils.
- **Balance Bike Training** (Nursery & Reception): 7 Schools, 424 pupils.
- **Foundation Stage Cycling** (Year 1 & 2): 12 Schools, 519 pupils.
- **Road Safety Walks** (all ages): 9 Schools, 544 pupils.
- **Kerbcraft** (Child Pedestrian Training Year 2): 15 Schools, 479 pupils.
- **Short Pedestrian Training Course** (6 weeks training): 6 Schools, 262 pupils.
- **The Big Pedal** (which NPT supports Sustrans): 10 Schools, 4,837 pupils.
- **Annual Quiz:** Road Safety hosts an annual quiz for Year 6 pupils, which is offered to all primary schools in Neath Port Talbot: 42

	Schools, 196 pupils. <i>[Note: school figures are based on the academic year September 2017 - July 2018].</i>
The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements	Upgrading the surface of the Neath Canal (NCN 47) between Bridge Street Neath and the Crown Food site.
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	Neath Canal Cycle Route (NCN47) Bridge Street, Neath to Crown Foods - £282k.

In addition to the above (optional):

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.	N/A
Length of new routes: - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use	N/A
Length of improved routes: - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use	N/A
New and improved active travel facilities	N/A

Additional information (optional)

N/A

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

Chief Executive