

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 Caerphilly County Borough Council's annual report.

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| <p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p> | <p>The Local Authority does the following to promote active travel journeys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works with schools to develop and implement School Travel Plans. There are currently 63 School Travel Plans in place across the county borough.• Delivers Level 1, 2 and 3 National Standards cycle training in schools across the county borough, which promotes safe cycling.• Works with schools to set up and run walking buses. There are currently 19 walking buses operating across the county borough.• Works with schools, upskilling teachers in order to provide cycling activities within schools during extra-curricular time.• Liaises and maintains links with cycling clubs in the Borough to ensure clubs adopt safe practices when out on rides.• Provides bike maintenance courses in order to make sure bikes are road worthy.• Helped two cycling clubs set up junior sections to allow children to access cycling in a community setting.• Provides Cycle Tots sessions in leisure centres to teach children aged 2-5yrs how to ride a bike.• Eco School Award scheme - promote active travel through sustainable travel, Walk to School schemes, cycle to school schemes, cycle training. Encourage staff to walk/ cycle to school as well as the pupils.• Runs a pool bike scheme for Local Authority staff. A cycle shelter has been moved to the main council offices (Penallta House) to encourage staff to commute to work by bike.• Provides pool bikes available for Local Authority staff to use to commute to work, to cycle during the lunchtime period, evenings and weekends. |
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| <p>The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rhiw Syr Dafydd Safe Routes in Communities scheme was delivered in 2015/16 to improve walking routes to Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School. The scheme includes the provision of improved and formalised crossing points, a 20mph zone and associated traffic calming measures. • The Cycle Storage Safe Routes in Communities scheme provided covered cycle storage facilities at 5 schools in 2015/16. • Cycle shelter sited at main council offices to encourage staff to cycle to work. • Pool bikes moved to main council offices for staff to use. |
| <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> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhiw Syr Dafydd Safe Routes in Communities – 2015/16 outturn £162k (Safe Routes in Communities funding). • Cycle Storage – Safe Routes in Communities – 2015/16 outturn £40k (includes £36k Safe Routes in Communities funding and £4k funding from the schools involved in the project). • £6,000 to move cycle shelter to main council offices. |

Additional information (optional)

The following planning applications have secured active travel improvements that will be delivered in future years:

- Cwm Calon – Redrow have constructed the formation of a 1 kilometre cycle link that forms as part of the Cwm Calon housing development. Land negotiations are ongoing to enable the complete link from the housing development to Ystrad Mynach to be progressed in future years.
- Islwyn High School – active travel links to the new comprehensive school development in Oakdale have been included as conditions in the planning permission and will be delivered in future years.

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



Chief Executive

