Appendix F – Annual Report

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 **Vale of Glamorgan's** annual report for the year **2025-26.**

1. **The actions taken to promote active travel journeys**

Pedestrian improvements were made in various locations in the Vale including dropped kerbs, tactile paving and footway widening.

Officers continued to work with the Walk, Wheel and Cycle Trust and schools to write their School Active Travel Plans to increase the number of pupils walking, cycling and scooting to school each day, reducing congestion and improving safety at the school gates.

The Council continues to be involved with the Vale Healthy Staff Charter Group, working with their partners on the Public Services Board.

The Council regularly updates it's Active Travel (AT) webpage and continues to promote through social media channels:
https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/transportation/Active-Travel-and-Safe-Routes-in-Communities-Projects.aspx

The Council regularly publish short AT clips on social media to convey AT messages and ask for public suggestions and comments. The full clip is on the VOG webpage - Active Travel (valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

The Council attends regular meetings with other Local Authorities, Welsh Government, Sustrans and Public Health Wales to share good practice and knowledge. We have regular meetings with our Regional, Welsh Government and TfW representatives to discuss current and future projects.
Scooter and cycle storage provided at a further 4 schools across the Vale.

Cycle storage installed at locations throughout the Vale requested through various sources, such as members of the public.



Cosmeston Green Roof Shelter

National Standard Cycle Training level 1 and 2 training delivered to more than 600 pupils. With the help of volunteers and our CPT officer, during 2025/26, a total of 500 pupils completed Kerbcraft and Child Pedestrian Training in Vale Primary Schools.



10 schools continued their Living Street Walk once a Week (WOW) challenge to encourage active travel to school from a young age.

2. The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements

All new development schemes within the Vale of Glamorgan are expected to deliver Active Travel infrastructure and officers make comments on all travel plans that are conditioned through the Planning Process to ensure compliance.

All developments are expected to provide Active Travel infrastructure through either S278/S38 highway works and/or S106 funding.

Active Travel Core Allocation Fund, Safe Routes in Communities Funding and S106 Sustainable Transport Funding is used for improving AT routes (new infrastructure, dropped kerbs, tactile paving, crossing points) and providing bike storage and repair stations in schools and in the County.



Shared Prosperity Funding awarded for the installation of a Brompton Bike Locker in Cogan, as well to make pedestrian improvements on routes leading to Penarth town centre.

Brompton Bike Locker at Cogan

3. **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**

FY25/26 £633,989.56 Welsh Government Active Travel Core grant used for:

- Continuation of scheme design active travel route between Barry and Dinas Powys
- Continuation of design of Phase 1 of an active travel route between Waycock Cross and Airport
- Provision of cycle/scooter storage and shelters in schools
- Provision of town centre/village cycle parking
- Installation of dropped kerbs, tactile paving and route enhancements.
- Audit and preparation works relating to the Active Travel Network Map resubmission
- Active Travel promotion in schools
- Survey work to consider 'quiet streets'
- Bike fleet at 5 schools

FY25/26 £340,379.56 Active Travel funding for pedestrian improvements in the East of Barry to assist with pupil movements to schools and access to public transport.

FY25/26 £194,056.79 Safe Routes in Communities Funding for pedestrian route improvements to schools piloting future school street closures.

FY25/26 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £49,796.89 pedestrian improvements on Buttrills Road, Barry.

FY25/26 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £4,569.00 upgrading of lighting through underpass in Wenvoe.

FY25/26 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £3,805.00 provision of additional seating in Wenvoe Recreation ground.

FY25/26 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £136,421.30 installation of toucan crossing on Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major.

FY25/26 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £18,554.46 pedestrian improvements at Borough Close, Cowbridge leading to Y Bont Faen Primary.

FY25/26 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £7,678.89 installation of new lighting Cross Inn Lane, Cowbridge.

FY25/26 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £2,251.07 bench replacement South Road, Sully.

FY25/26 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £1628.52 new bench installation St Athan.

FY25/26 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £4505.37 new benches St Nicholas.

FY25/26 S106 Sustainable Transport funding - £34,240.00 lighting at Subway Road, Barry.

FY25/26 Shared Prosperity Funding - £64,856.13 installation of 1 x Brompton Bike Locker in Cogan.

FY25/26 Shared Prosperity Funding - £92,244.17 to improve pedestrian routes to Penarth Town Centre.

FY25/26 Transforming Towns Funding - £47,437.60 for the development of a walking route across the Police Fields, Cowbridge.

FY25/26 Transforming Towns Funding - £25,000 to improve pedestrian access in Llantwit Major.

FY25/26 Local Nature Partnership Funding - £17,210 purchase of 2 x Green Roof Cycle Shelters for Cosmeston Country Park and the CF61 Community Centre, Llantwit Major.

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

4. **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.**

FY26/27 £645,000 (Regional Transport Funding Core Active Travel)

- Design of AT route Waycock Cross to Cardiff Airport
- Cycle storage in towns, villages and schools
- Active Travel Network Map improvements (dropped kerbs and tactiles)
- ATNM 2026 audit and preparation
- Active Travel Promotion in schools
- Bike and scooter fleet in schools

- Signage improvements
- Seating
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Cycle repair stations
- School street measures
- Enrichment of AT routes through play and art
- Biodiversity enhancements on AT routes

FY26/27 Regional Walking Wheeling and Cycling Fund - £1,090,041 to complete construction of Phase 1 of the Active Travel route connecting Barry to Dinas Powys.

FY26/27 S106 Sustainable Transport funding available in Sully, Cowbridge, Penarth and Barry to enable active travel improvements.

FY26/27 – Transforming Towns funding awarded for pedestrian improvements in Cowbridge (around Town Hall) and Penarth (Hickman Road).

FY26/27 – Local Nature Partnership funding awarded for biodiversity improvements along Severn Road, Barry.

5. **Length of new routes for walking, cycling and shared use.**
- *[provide separate lengths (in metres) of new (a) walking, (b) cycling and (c) shared-use routes]*

40 metres – VALE-BARRY-035A Skomer Road construction of missing section of footway.

89 metres – St Brides Road, Wick – 2m wide pedestrian route as part of housing development.

45m – 3.5m new shared use path connecting Lavernock Road to new Ysgol y Deri Campus, Fort Road, Cosmeston.

6. **Length of improved routes for walking, cycling and shared use.**
- *Provide separate lengths (in metres) of improved (a) walking, (b) cycling and (c) shared-use routes]*

1270 metres – VALE-SPR-012D Coldbrook Road East – 8 x uncontrolled crossings and junction narrowing's.

100 metres – VALE-BARRY-033E Ewbank Close – 1 x uncontrolled crossing and removal of radii kerbs/footway resurfacing.

1134 metres – VALE-BARRY-035A Skomer Road – construction of missing section of footway, 9 x uncontrolled crossings and junction narrowing's.

600 metres - VALE-BARRY-033C Dobbins Road 7 x uncontrolled crossings, junction narrowing's and bus stop upgrades.

1300 metres - VALE-BARRY-033D Langlands Road 18 x uncontrolled crossings, junction narrowing's and bus stop upgrades.

420 metres – VALE-BARRY-033F Arno Road and Norwood Cres 2 x uncontrolled crossings and removal of radii kerbs.

580 metres – VALE-BARRY-034B Beidr Iorwig and Glas y Llwyn 6 x uncontrolled crossings and junction narrowing's.

360 metres – VALE-BARRY-034A Gilbert Lane 2 x uncontrolled crossings.

1106m - Vale-PEN-022C/Vale-PEN-022E Cowslip Drive, Cogan improved footway by construction of 7 uncontrolled crossings and junction narrowings.

296m - Vale-Barry-Future-037L Woodlands Road/Regent Street improved footway by installation of 1 x uncontrolled crossing and 1 x vehicle crossover.

620m - Vale-PEN-023D improved footway by installation of 1 x dropped kerb outside Evenlode Primary
400m - VALE-SPR-003K Eglwys Brewis improvement of shared use path by the installation of 10 lighting columns to increase user safety during hours of darkness.

7. New and improved active travel facilities.

128 additional cycle/scooter storage spaces were provided across the Vale in FY25/26:

- Scooter and cycle storage provided at a further 5 schools across the Vale.
- Cycle storage provided at locations in the Vale – Palmerston Community Centre, St Francis Community Centre, Cemetery Approach Community Centre, Skomer Road retail area, Ty Iolo Hostel, Jacksons Bay, Western Shelter, Barry Island, Penarth Pier, Penarth Prom, Cosmeston park, Parc Bryn y Don skate park, Albert Road, Knap car park, Clifftops car park, Old Harbour, Barry.

Additional seating on active travel routes have been added across the Vale of Glamorgan. This includes:

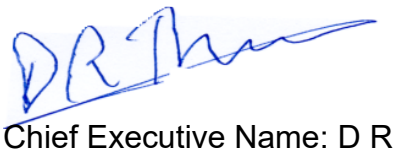
- 2 benches St Nicholas
- 1 bench St Athan
- 1 bench Port Road
- 2 benches Colcot Sports Field
- 2 benches Tynewydd Road, Barry
- 2 benches Skomer Road, Barry

8. Additional information (optional)

n/a

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).

Chief Executive Signature:



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Date of submission to Welsh Ministers: