



To the Welsh Ministers,

### **Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 Reporting Duties up to 31/03/2020**

In accordance with the duties under sections 7 (3) and 10 (2) of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, please find below **Vale of Glamorgan's** annual report for **2019-20**.

<p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p>	<p>The Council offers National Standard Cycle Training to all its primary schools. 1473 pupils passed Level 1 and 2 in 19/20.</p> <p>Kerbcraft and Child Pedestrian Training was given to 895 primary aged pupils in 19/20.</p> <p>Both of these initiatives have a higher participation rate than in 18/19.</p> <p>The Council engaged the services of Sustrans Cymru to undertake school engagement sessions at 8 Vale schools to create active travel maps showing routes to schools. Maps will be distributed to schools in Penarth, Barry and Llantwit Major in the first term of academic year 20/21.</p>  <p>Each Primary School in the Vale received 4 balance bikes for use in schools (188 in total) to encourage early positive cycle behaviour. Funding for further provision has been agreed for FY20/21.</p>  <p>9 Pool bikes have been refurbished for use by Council staff on short work journeys instead of pool cars.</p>
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2 E-Bikes have been purchased for use by the Vale of Glamorgan Council staff. This is to promote cycling in the workplace.

Lockers have been installed at The Alps Depot to provide storage for Council staff that choose to cycle to work. This will be complemented in 20/21 with refurbished toilet and shower facilities at the Alps Depot funded by the Council's Capital Programme.

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

The Council attends regular meetings with other Local Authorities, Welsh Government, Sustrans and Public Health Wales to share good practice and knowledge.

The Council has taken on a keen role as a member of the Vale Healthy Staff Charter, working with their partners on the Public Services Board.



The Council continues to promote Active Travel through its digital media platforms,  
<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/transportation/Active-Travel.aspx>

The Council undertook an active travel public consultation to determine the sites for 6 E-Bike docking stations in Penarth.

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.

The Council tendered for a pilot E-bike hire scheme for Penarth and awarded the contract to Nextbike.

[https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our\\_council/consultation/previous-consultations/Penarth-nextbike-scheme-recommendations.aspx](https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/consultation/previous-consultations/Penarth-nextbike-scheme-recommendations.aspx)

	Active Travel Core Allocation Fund used for improving AT routes (dropped kerbs, tactile paving) and providing bike shelters and balance bikes in schools.
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>£300,000 (S106) Penarth E-Bike scheme – Nextbike stations at 6 x locations in Penarth. Due to launch autumn 2020.</p> <p>£83,781 (WG LTF) Cardiff/Vale Coastal Transport Network – WeITAG stage 2 (a proportion of this funding was for AT element).  <a href="https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Roads/Transport-Studies/Penarth-Cardiff-Barrage-Sustainable-Transport-Corridor-Study.aspx">https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Roads/Transport-Studies/Penarth-Cardiff-Barrage-Sustainable-Transport-Corridor-Study.aspx</a></p> <p>£112,703 (WG LTF) M4 J34 to Cardiff Airport Transport Network Scheme – WeITAG stage 2 (a proportion of this funding was for AT element).  <a href="https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Roads/Transport-Studies/M4-Junction-34-to-A48-Transport-Improvements.aspx">https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/Roads/Transport-Studies/M4-Junction-34-to-A48-Transport-Improvements.aspx</a></p> <p>£114,000 (WG SRiC) Porthkerry Road/Romilly Road/Windsor Road Safe Routes in Communities scheme – footway/road junction improvements which have improved the AT route, in particular to schools in the area.</p>

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.	<p>FY 20/21 £43,843 (WG SRiC) St Athan Active Travel Scheme – for detailed design to create 1km of shared cycleway/footway. Funding will be sought for construction FY21/22</p> <p>FY20/21 £410,000 (WG Core AT) Cycle Hire scheme – funding granted to expand the electric cycle hire scheme into Sully. Other opportunities for stations and schemes will continue to be looked at in the LA. This grant will also be used for detailed design for Waycock Cross to Cardiff Airport, feasibility and design for Cardiff Road, Barry; Llanmaes Road, Llantwit Major and Llantwit Major Road, Cowbridge. As well as the provision of additional balance bikes, helmets and cycle storage at schools.</p>
<p>Length of new routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Walking</li> <li>- Cycling</li> <li>- Shared Use</li> </ul>	Darren Farm development - 1.6km through new housing development also improving pedestrian/cycle access from Crossways to Cowbridge.

A4226 (Five Mile Lane) cycleway/footway linking Barry to A48 – 6.5 km completed August 2019.



Northern Access Road (St Athan/Llantwit Major) nearing completion – 2.25 km shared use footway/cycleway completed October 2019.



Length of improved routes:


- Walking
- Cycling
- Shared Use

FY19/20 - 838 metres – Sully INM pedestrian improvements (dropped kerbs & tactile)

FY19/20 - 1136 metres – Cowbridge INM pedestrian improvements (dropped kerbs & tactile)

FY19/20 - 1190 metres – Llantwit Major INM pedestrian improvements (dropped kerbs & tactile)

FY19/20 - 648 metres – Dinas Powys INM pedestrian improvements (dropped kerbs & tactile)

	<p>FY19/20 – 652 metres - Treharne Road, Barry (S106) improved footway</p> <p>FY19/20 - 1446 metres - Rhoose Active Travel Improvements – shared footway/cycleway upgrade</p>
<p>New and improved active travel facilities</p>	<p>FY19/20 - Installation of cycle shelters in 5 x Primary Schools and 1 scooter pod - £40,000 (Core ATF allocation)</p> 

Additional information (optional)

Active Travel bid for funding cycleway/footway from Biglis roundabout to Dinas Powys was put to WG as part of the 20/21 funding bid. The bid was unsuccessful but Officers from the Council and Officers from Welsh Government have discussed what extra information is required for this bid, and an application for funding will be made when funding becomes available. Consideration is also being given to the potential for use of S106 monies to progress this Scheme.

Funding was granted to produce detailed design and carry out usage surveys in FY20/21 for Waycock Cross, Barry to the Airport, in order to submit an application for construction in FY21/22. The Council will continue to push for this much needed Active Travel link to be funded in order to link Rhoose and Barry and in turn Barry and Cardiff.

Feasibility and design works will be undertaken on potential AT routes along Llanmaes Road, Llantwit Major; Geraints Way, Cowbridge and Cardiff Road, Barry through the Active Travel Core Allocation Fund.

July-September 2020 - The Council reintroduced the Cycle2Work scheme for employees of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, allowing the purchase of cycles up to the value of £3500.

Funding for a Nextbike docking station was granted in Sully which will complement the Penarth scheme. A further aspiration will be to set up a nextbike hire scheme to cover Barry Waterfront, Barry Island and The Knap.

Grant applications through LTF, SRiC, Metro, Cardiff City Deal etc. all include Active Travel proposals to enable the Council to maximise all avenues of funding available.

I confirm that this report will be published online and made available in hard copy on request, in accordance with the statutory Delivery Guidance.

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