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 Bridgend County Borough Council's annual report.

# The actions taken to promote active travel journeys

- A formal Existing Routes Map (ERM)
   Consultation was held for 16 weeks between
   July and October 2015. An Online survey was used and numerous stakeholder engagement events were held;
- Kerbcraft pedestrian training was provided to 671 pupils;
- National Standards cycle training was delivered to 691 pupils;
- Active Journeys sessions have been delivered to primary and secondary schools participating in the Sustrans' Active Journeys programme.
   These will contribute to the stakeholder engagement process as part of the development of the Integrated Network Maps;
- Worked with Bridgend College to assist them in securing their Platinum Corporate Health Standard award and prepare an updated travel plan for the Bridgend campus;
- The BCBC Cycle to Work scheme was open to staff applications between February and April 2016 with 44 new/returning participants;
- Pool bikes have been made available to staff for work-related journeys;
- Press releases prepared to raise awareness of new routes and facilities delivered in 2015/16;
- A nine-week consultation on Learner Travel routes sent to all schools in the county borough included questions specifically on active travel;
- Stakeholder engagement events were held in Porthcawl to promote an active travel route proposal being delivered in 2016/17 through

the Coastal Communities Fund;

- Held Community Access Plan (CAP) meetings with various stakeholders (including community groups and town/community Councils) to develop CAPs to understand current and future travel movements in support of potential future funding bids;
- Ongoing liaison with colleagues from Planning, Highways and Education departments to encourage promotion of and provision for active travel as part of new developments;
- An Active Travel Act presentation was given to colleagues in the planning department raising awareness of the Act and its implications for new developments;
- A presentation was given to an event for Healthy/Eco Schools practitioners to promote the Active Travel Act ERM process;
- Continue partnership work with Valleys to Coast Housing Association to promote inclusion of active travel in estate masterplans/promotional activities;
- Partnership working with county borough Ecologist to promote active travel and green infrastructure in new developments and highway/other schemes;
- A Local Transport Plan presentation was given to local Councillors which included reference to active travel proposals and the Active Travel Act;
- The Love to Walk and Health Walk programmes use new routes where possible and participants made aware of new routes and their destinations;
- Crucial Crew sessions were held with an emphasis on Active Travel.

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

#### Local Transport Fund

 Completion of Active Travel Network Route 2 – Coychurch to Pencoed;

#### improvements

#### Metro

 Completion of National Cycle Network Route 885 Phase 1 between Sarn and Bridgend to extend route to the town centre and bus station;

#### **Safe Routes in Communities**

 Completion of missing section of the off-road Active Travel Network Route 5 between Broadlands and Laleston;

The LTF, Metro and Safe Routes in Communities schemes provided a combined total of 1.75km additional active travel infrastructure.

## <u>Planning Related Infrastructure</u>

 Active travel infrastructure has been extended as part of ongoing delivery of developments via the planning process e.g. Parc Derwen and North Cornelly.

#### Studies/Reports

 An Active Travel Network (ATN) feasibility study was completed for Pencoed. The study uses the Active Travel Act audit templates as the basis for identifying recommendations for potential enhancements.

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

#### **Local Transport Fund**

- Completion of Active Travel Network Route 2 Coychurch to Pencoed: £374,500
- Active travel mapping: £15,250

## **Metro**

- Completion of National Cycle Network Route 885 Phase 1 between Sarn and Bridgend to extend route to the town centre and bus station: £278,500

#### Safe Routes in Communities

- Completion of missing section of the off-road Active Travel Network Route 5 between Broadlands and Laleston: £125,000

#### Road Safety

Kerbcraft: £43,166
 Cycle training: £32,26

Cycle training: £22,250

#### **BCBC Funded**

Pencoed ATN Feasibility Study: £15,000

In addition to the above (optional):

Indicative spending for new	- N/a
active travel routes and	
facilities and improvements of	
existing active travel routes	
and related facilities funded or	
part funded by third parties.	

Additional information (optional)

The Council developed an innovative approach to school cycling delivery through collaboration between the Road Safety Officer and the Active Bridgend Officer. This was initially developed in order to reduce costs but has also links the physical activity opportunities of providing tuition in cycling – an important life skill – with active travel and the Play Sufficiency Duty.

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

For Chief Executive