

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

15 JULY 2019

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES

PROGRESS OF ACTIVE TRAVEL IN BRIDGEND

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Town and Community Council Forum with an update on active travel in Bridgend that was presented to the Clerks of Town and Community Councils on 28th June 2019.

2. Connection to corporate improvement objectives/other corporate priorities

- 2.1 The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 requires the council to implement the routes identified and approved in the Integrated Network Map adopted by the council. In the process, the Welsh Government has been approving annual grant funding for the development of both active travel routes and safe routes in communities and to schools. These schemes contribute to the council's pursuit and delivery of the following corporate priority/priorities:

- Supporting a successful economy – taking steps to make the county a good place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions of all people in the county.
- Helping people to be more self-reliant – taking early steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services.
- Smarter use of resources – ensuring that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities.

- 2.2 The schemes that have been implemented so far, and those planned for the future will assist the council to deliver the central themes of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. They will also assist the council in delivering other social and public policy objectives including encouraging physical activity to reduce obesity particularly among children, making a local contribution towards the bigger international effort to combat the climate crisis.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 came into force in September 2014 and since then, the Welsh Government has been supporting councils in Wales, through grant funding to deliver the active travel programme identified in individual council's Integrated Network Maps. Every year, councils are invited to submit proposals to

implement routes; these routes complement schemes implemented under safe routes, also funded by the Welsh Government. Where appropriate and applicable, the council also implements sections of the active travel network through developer contributions.

4. Current situation/proposal

4.1 Much progress has been made since the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 came into effect. The purpose of the presentation made to the Clerks of Town and Community Councils on 28th June 2019 and presented to the Town and Community Council Forum is to inform Councillors of the extent of progress and explain the processes that the council officers undergo to determine and assess schemes. The presentation addresses the following principal points :

- Key provisions of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013
- Various definitions and designations
- The Integrated Network Map for Bridgend and the preparation process
- The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 and its relationship with other Acts and policy frameworks.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

5.1 There is no effect on Policy Framework or Procedure Rules

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not applicable.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

7.1 The implications for the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 are captured in the profile of all active travel schemes as the provisions of the Act form an essential assessment criteria for scheme selection and scheme justification.

8. Financial implications

8.1 There are no financial implications

9. Recommendation

9.1 It is recommended that the Town and Community Council Forum note the contents of the report and presentation.

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