

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 Monmouthshire County Council's annual report for the year 2021-22.

<p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p>	<p>2021 – 22 saw the continued realignment of Active Travel to within the Monlife service area in Monmouthshire County Council. As well as securing and delivering Active Travel grant funding, during a challenging period (due to COVID), we placed a strong emphasis on data collection and scheme development. A large amount of Officer time was applied to the ATNM process, for submission in December 2021. Some headline stats from this consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100% of schools engaged• 2,328 children and young people responded• 2,713 adult responses• 772 hours of public time given to consultation• 80% of primary age children, 63% of young people and 73% of adults wanted to actively travel more.• 100 routes now met Active travel standards, an increase of 73 over the 2016 maps. <p>Further works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Primary school infrastructure – as part of installation works, further engagement with primary schools has been undertaken to promote active travel journeys, including the
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	<p>provision of materials and wider council engagement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- WOW Tracker has been rolled out to several Primary schools to record Active Travel users and promote Active Travel in schools.- As part of the national 20mph pilot scheme, Highways colleagues have implemented trial 20 mph zones in 2 settlements. This has supported the development of an environment conducive to walking and cycling.- Mapping – We have created a series of Active travel settlement maps for our 7 designated localities. These will be distributed to schools within the settlements to provide discussion points and information around active travel journeys and promotion of modal shift.- Consultation – As part of the Active Travel Network Maps (ATNM) and WelTAG phases, large scale public consultation has occurred to engage with the public to educate, inform and gather opinion on a wide range of topics. This has been fed into our strategic projects and ATNM submission.- Elected members - Briefings and engagement sessions have been undertaken with elected members of the council and with town councils. This has ensured the Active Travel agenda is front and centre of the Council's priority and elected members become
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	<p>ambassadors for the work being undertaken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Press releases – as part of wider scheme development and Active Travel funding, MCC has pushed several dedicated Active Travel press releases to promote schemes, consultations and Active Travel work. - Reintroduction of Cycle to Work scheme to Monmouthshire County Council staff to encourage modal shift.
<p>The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primary school cycling/wheeling infrastructure – As part of core funding, 11 primary schools have seen improved Active Travel infrastructure, incorporating safe cycle and scooter parking - Scheme development across 3 settlements (Abergavenny, Caldicot & Monmouth). Work in year has progressed to allow future years to progress to construction. - Construction of Williamsfield Lane, Monmouth phase 2 Shared Use Active Travel route. This route links a large housing development, to a school and beyond into the town centre. - A trial closure of Newport Rd, Caldicot was undertaken to examine the public’s response to such a scheme. - Construction on improved level crossing facility in Caldicot.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scheme ready for construction (Old Dixton Road, Monmouth – unbuilt in FY due to contractor availability and pricing). - Improvements to town centre infrastructure – including a new shelter in the Drill Hall, Chepstow, new benches, and bins along Active Travel routes. Cycling infrastructure was improved along Monnow St, Monmouth. - A cycling contraflow on Lion St, Abergavenny was installed to aid Active Travel journeys in the one way system. - Work with Monmouthshire council sites to improve Active Travel facilities for the public, including Leisure centres, museums and Public Hubs. - The Active Travel team are now direct Planning consultees for all major developments, ensuring that any new infrastructure is compliant from the start and designs can be influenced before build. - External sourcing of funds – S106 monies directed towards Active Travel improvements.
<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"> - £2,868,088.24 of which £2,686.965.24 was from the Active Travel Fund and £181,123 was from match funding

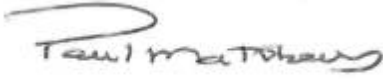
In addition to the above, the following information provides an overview of infrastructure that has been implemented during the previous year.:

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.	£181,123 was from match funding
Length of new routes: - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use	- Walking - 0m - Cycling - 362m - Shared Use - 45m
Length of improved routes: - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use	- Walking - 930m - Cycling - 120m - Shared Use - 1322m
New and improved active travel facilities	- Cycle/Scooter parking - – 3 cycle pods & 1 scooter pod at Overmonnow primary school, Monmouth - – 2 shelters at St Mary's primary, Chepstow - – 6 bike shelters for Abergavenny cluster primary schools - – 8 scooter racks for Abergavenny cluster primary schools - Cycle shelter at Drill Hall, Chepstow - Benches – 30x units bought for install by Grounds team - Bins – 10x units bought for install by Grounds team

Additional information (optional)

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).

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