

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 2019-20.

<p>The actions taken to promote active travel journeys</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- In Monmouthshire County Council (MCC) 19/20 was very much considered as a transition year. Until this year Active Travel (AT) had been incorporated into the duties of existing staff. However in recognition of the increasing importance of the AT agenda the function was transferred to a different department and staff recruited specifically to promote and manage the AT agenda in Monmouthshire. The outcome of this can be seen in the 20/21 annual report which reflects a major increase in grant award and volume of projects being promoted within Monmouthshire. In 2019/20 a schedule of potential AT schemes was drafted but in grant terms a base budget was received along with specific funding for the Llanfoist pedestrian bridge. The year also saw a gradual shift of emphasis from LTF to ATF and spend during the year reflected this change
<p>The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The year saw work undertaken by officers to ascertain what routes might be brought forward in the coming year.- Specifically:- MCC continue with the development of the proposals for an Active Travel bridge over the Usk at Llanfoist and the

	<p>Wye at Monmouth, and the development of the Severn Tunnel Junction station improvement proposals including AT improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re Wye Bridge, MCC concluded the WelTAG stage 2 public consultation and report, which recommended that the preferred Option taken forward to WelTAG Stage 3 is Option 3 Single-Span Single Arch Curved Bridge. <p>-</p>
<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>	<p>ATF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llanfoist Usk bridge development – £14,319 • Monmouth Wye bridge development – £90,122 <p>LTF – via regional Metro Plus programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severn Tunnel Junction £309,575 (of which £22,702 was specifically on the Rogiet-Undy shared path) <p>LTF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abergavenny town centre – £691,679.00 • Chepstow study – £100,000 • Caldicot town centre – £332,270 • Monmouth town centre – £211,351

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

<p>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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schemes were progressed in Abergavenny Town Centre, Monmouth Agincourt sq, Caldicot regeneration and the Chepstow Transport study. These projects incurred costs of £1,817,000 in 19/20. Although not funded directly by ATF (Much came from LTF) the
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	works included significant elements that were focused upon improving the pedestrian and cycling environment.
Length of new routes: - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use	- none
Length of improved routes: - Walking - Cycling - Shared Use	- included in town centre projects referred to above
New and improved active travel facilities	- Additional cycle facilities in town centres and improved pedestrian surfaces (Abergavenny, Monmouth, Caldicot schemes) -

Additional information (optional)

During 19-20 MCC restructured its Enterprise Directorate. In July it was agreed that active travel should be part of MonLife and that a new Active Travel Officer should be appointed. As such 19/20 was viewed as a transition year and activity in relation to AT has accelerated since.

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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