To the Welsh Ministers,

**Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 Reporting Duties up to 31/03/2022**

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 **2021-22**.

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| The actions taken to promote active travel journeys | Bike Fleet, storage, helmets and locks provided to Whitmore High School on submission of their School Active Travel Plan. The bikes will be used to provide confidence training, replace minibus travel to sporting events and be loaned to pupils to travel to/from school.  *Whitmore High School, Barry*  Cardiff Council Active Travel School Officers worked with 10 schools to write their School Active Travel Plan to increase the number of pupils walking, cycling and scooting to school each day, reducing congestion and improving safety at the school gates.  8 schools had playground markings installed to improve Road Safety skills through play.  Bikes were provided to schools working on their Active Travel plans to enable Year 5 & 6 pupils to undertake Cycle Proficiency Training (40 bikes across 13 schools).    Scooter and cycle storage provide at 12 schools the Vale.  *Ysgol Pen-y-Garth*  Cycle storage/shelters installed at Ty Dyfan, Cartref Porthceri and Ty Dewi care homes, Murchfield Community Centre, Colcot Sports Centre, Alexandra Gardens, Penarth Leisure Centre and Arcot Street.  Footway improvements were made in various locations in the Vale including dropped kerbs, tactile paving, improvements around trees and footway widening.  The Council continues to be active within the Vale Healthy Staff Charter Group, working with their partners on the Public Services Board.  Due to the success of the e-bike hire scheme that launched in Penarth in November 2020, it has now expanded into Sully and Dinas Powys in FY21/22. The Vale now has 9 stations and have written a business case for the expansion into Barry.  *Dinas Road, Penarth*  20mph schemes introduced in St Brides Major, Aberthin and Peterston-super-Ely.  The Council regularly updates it’s Active Travel webpage and continues to promote through social media channels: <https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/transportation/Active-Travel-and-Safe-Routes-in-Communities-Projects.aspx>  The Council has designed an Active Travel Logo that will be used for communications and publicity going forward to promote AT in the Vale.  The Council worked with JamJar to produce an animation explaining what Active Travel is. Shorter clips will be released on social media at regular intervals to convey the messages.  The Council attends regular meetings with other Local Authorities, Welsh Government, Sustrans and Public Health Wales to share good practice and knowledge. We have regular 6 weekly meetings with our Welsh Government/TfW representatives to discuss current and future projects.  The Council offers National Standard Cycle Training Level 1 and 2 to all its primary schools. 392 students trained to Level 2 during 21/22.  Kerbcraft and Child Pedestrian Training was provided at Primary schools through 21/22. Two of the Road Safety team continued their secondment to Track and Trace from April to September. However, despite staffing issues 428 pupils took part in Child Pedestrian Training and 61 in Kerbcraft.  Adult bike confidence sessions were held at the Barrage and free Dr Bike events were held throughout the Vale to ensure Vale residents’ bikes are road worthy.    18 schools signed up to Living Street Walk once a Week (WOW) project to encourage active travel to school from a young age.  Bike pump/repair stations installed at 11 locations to assist with emergency repairs. Additional stations to be installed early 22/23.    *Alexandra Gardens Llantwit Major Leisure Centre Port Road, Wenvoe* |
| 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. In 21/22 construction by the housing developer, on a shared use facility near The Gathering Place in St Athan was completed that connects with the shared use footway/cycleway constructed by the Council in 21/22 connecting to St Athan village. Shared use paths were provided at housing developments in Rhoose and on Hayes Road, Barry as part of S278 agreements.  In addition, in 21/22 the land along the boundary of Bro Tathan in St Athan was given in lieu of S106 funds to enable the progression of an active travel route through Eglwys Brewis. The construction of the route option chosen through public consultation will be started in FY22/23. This will provide an active travel route from St Athan to the outskirts of Llantwit Major.  Active Travel Core Allocation Fund used for improving AT routes (dropped kerbs, tactile paving) and providing bike shelters and bikes in schools. |
| Costs incurred for new active travel routes and facilities and improvements of existing active travel routes and related facilitiescarried out in the preceding full financial year | FY21/22 £1,134,636 (WG Core AT and Additional AT funding) grant used for:   * Transfer of data to DataMapWales as part of ATNM. * Detailed design of Llanmaes Road active travel route * Feasibility of active travel route between Barry and Dinas Powys * Design of active travel route along Cardiff Road, Barry * Feasibility of active travel route between Sully and Cosmeston. * Design of active travel route through Eglwys Brewis * Provision of cycle/scooter storage and shelters in schools * Penarth strategic junction review * Provision of town centre/village cycle parking * Installation of OVObike docking station in Dinas Powys * Installation of dropped kerbs and tactile paving * Provision of bike fleets to schools * Llantwit Major and St Athan – install cycle counters; legal fees and design works for land being gifted at The Gathering Place; upgrade Bro Tathan cycleway/footway and carry out feasibility on St Athan to Rhoose active travel route. * Rural Vale – feasibility of Active Travel routes connecting the A48 and Colwinston, A48 and Llangan, Culverhouse Cross to St Nicholas; cycle counter installation on Five Mile Lane; cycle stands at coastal resorts. * Penarth to Cardiff – installation of 2 x OVObike docking stations at Penarth Leisure Centre and Stanwell School. Feasibility of active travel routes along Redlands Road and Penarth Road. * Improving existing active travel routes – design of Walston Castle toucan crossing; dropped kerb and tactile paving installation; improvements around trees; purchase and installation of benches; artwork on two bridges in Barry and Cogan; removal of barriers; installation of cycle counters; surface improvements of route NCN88. * Publicity and promotion – cycle counter monitoring and reporting; Active Travel Network Map support; production of AT logo and animation; bike confidence sessions; Dr Bike sessions.   FY 21/22 £1,061,600 Active Travel funding for construction of 1.1km shared cycleway/footway connecting St Athan village to Eglwys Brewis.  FY 21/22 Safe Routes in Communities Fund – £428,414 Fairfield Primary School Community Design project. Funding received to improve streets around the school to encourage active travel and reduce congestion in surrounding streets.  £3,677 S106 sustainable transport funding - coastal cycle parking at Ogmore by Sea.  £40,000 Public Health Wales Prevention Funding – purchase and installation of bike pump/repair stations throughout the Vale.  £101,945 Transforming Towns funding – improving routes within town centres. Works included dropped kerbs, tactiles and improvements around trees on Broad Street, Tynewydd Road and Gladstone Road. |

In addition to the above (optional):

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| Indicative spending for new active travel routes and facilities and improvements of existing active travel routes and related facilitiesfunded or part funded by third parties. | FY22/23 £645,000 (WG Core Active Travel)   * Design of AT route – A48 to Llangan * Design of AT route – A48 to Colwinston * Design of AT route – Culverhouse Cross to St Nicholas * Design of AT route – Barons Court to Penarth Road * Design of AT route – Sully to Cosmeston * Design of AT route – Cowbridge to Ystradowen * Design of AT route Waycock Cross to Cardiff Airport * Investigation work for AT route - Barry to Dinas Powys * Investigation work for AT route – St Athan to Rhoose * Cycle storage in towns, villages and schools * Active Travel Network Map improvements (dropped kerbs and tactiles)   FY 22/23 Safe Routes in Communities Fund – £327,900 Fairfield Primary School Community Design project. Funding received to complete school street work on Dryden Road and look at improvements to Tennyson Road.  FY 22/23 Active Travel fund – £282,260 Eglwys Brewis Active Travel route. Detailed design to be completed and first phase construction works to commence January 2023.  FY 22/23 S106 Sustainable Transport fund – £550,000 Rhoose Active Travel – improvements to Fontygary Road and Porthkerry Road.  FY 22/23 Active Travel fund – £104,995 Rhoose Active Travel – design of AT route for Station Road.  S106 sustainable transport funding available in Sully, Cowbridge, Llantwit Major, St Nicholas, and Barry to enable active travel improvements. |
| Length of new routes:   * Walking * Cycling * Shared Use | 1200m - £1,051,797 - VALE-SPR-Future-003J St Athan active travel route – construction of new shared use walking/cycling route connecting St Athan village to Eglwys Brewis along Cowbridge Road.  493m - £77,948 - VALE-SPR-Future-003J St Athan S278 works Cowbridge Road – developer constructed and funded new roundabout and 3.5m shared routes on both sides of carriageway. Required as planning consent of new development of 252 houses.  70m - £29,368 – VALE-Sully-Future-031B Sully Primary shared use path constructed to provide link to school.  94m - £14,809 – VALE-SPR-Future-011G Hayes Road, Barry - developer constructed and paid for new shared route 3.5m site frontage and link to rear of site to connect proposed future route on Hayes Road.  717m - £150,204 – Rhoose Taylor Wimpey – developer constructed and paid for new shared use 3.5m paths through development. |
| Length of improved routes:   * Walking * Cycling * Shared Use | S106 sustainable transport funding – pedestrian improvements (dropped kerbs and tactile paving) –   * 580m VALE-SPR-Future-009B Murch Road improved footways and signalised crossing installed. * 95m Wick – work around bus stop and new footway.   1800m -dropped kerbs/tactiles VALE-SPR-Future-007G Wordsworth Avenue as part of SRiC Fairfield School scheme.  560m - VALE-PEN-Future-026B Penlan Road, Llandough – dropped kerbs and tactiles.  870m VALE-BARRY-Future-035C Treharne Road – dropped kerbs and tactiles.  264m £16,095 – St Athan S278 works Gileston Road B4265 - developer renewed footpath surfacing required as planning consent of new development of 252 houses.  100m £22,484 VALE-PKRY-Future-042A improvements to shared use path on NCN88 through Porthkerry, including removal of A-frame access barrier.  580m VALE-SPR-Future-004A St Nicholas S106 dropped kerbs and tactiles installed through village.  618m VALE-SPR-Future-013A Broad Street improvements around trees.  846m Holton Road, Gladstone Road, Woodlands Road, Tynewydd Road dropped kerbs, tactile paving and improvements to footpath surface around trees.  477m VALE-BARRY-Future-037H Barry town to Docks View Rd dropped kerbs and tactile paving on uncontrolled crossings.  390m VALE-SPR-Future-016B Ysgol Sant Curig – dropped kerbs, tactiles and improvements around trees.  VALE-BARRY-Future-041D All Saints CiW– dropped kerbs and tactiles on approach to school entrance.  VALE-PEN-023D dropped kerb and tactile paving installed at junction Cherwell Road leading to Evenlode Primary School. |
| New and improved active travel facilities | FY21/22 - scooter and cycle storage provided at a further 12 schools across the Vale (Core ATF).  *Colcot Primary School*  Tree pits and dropped kerbs and tactile paving, improving pedestrian routes to key locations in Barry.    Sully Primary VALE-Sully-Future-031B, new shared use path constructed to assist pupil movements to school.    NCN88 Porthkerry – A-frame barrier was removed and 100m² surface improvements made to improve cycle movements. |

Additional information (optional)

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| Winter 2022 - The Council will launch phase 3 of the Cycle2Work scheme for employees allowing the purchase of cycles up to the value of £3500.  An application to the Shared Prosperity Fund has been made in 22/23 to expand the e-bike hire scheme into Barry following the success of the scheme in Penarth, Dinas Powys and Sully.  Quarterly meetings of the Vale of Glamorgan Strategic Transport Board ensure all departments within the Council are aware of active travel plans to ensure joint working between departments.  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 Active Travel Act Guidance (2021 edition).



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22 September 2022