

Impact Assessment - First Stage

1. Details of the initiative

Initiative description and summary: Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council – Active Travel Delivery Plan
Service Area: Engineering and Transport
Directorate: Environment and Regeneration

2. Does the initiative affect:

	Yes	No
Service users	✓	
Staff	✓	
Wider community	✓	
Internal administrative process only		✓

3. Does the initiative impact on people because of their:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/How might it impact?
Age		✓				<p>The Active Travel Delivery Plan will have no impact on anyone with protected characteristics.</p> <p>Under the Equality Act (2010), public sector authorities have a duty to make reasonable adjustments to the built environment to ensure the design of new infrastructure is accessible to all. The Active Travel Guidance provides the framework/guidelines of how the Authority carries out these duties under the equalities act, including inclusive design for walking and cycling routes and ensuring that people with protected characteristics are properly consulted.</p>
Disability		✓				
Gender Reassignment		✓				
Marriage/Civil Partnership		✓				
Pregnancy/Maternity		✓				
Race		✓				
Religion/Belief		✓				
Sex		✓				
Sexual orientation		✓				

						<p>Engagement with stakeholders and the public will be undertaken during the renewal of the ATNM and during the development of individual routes.</p> <p>All existing and future routes on the ATNM have been audited to check if they meet the requirements set by WG including impacts on people who share protected characteristics.</p>
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4. Does the initiative impact on:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence used) / How might it impact?
People's opportunities to use the Welsh language		✓				<p>The Active Travel Delivery Plan will not in itself have a significant impact on people's opportunities to use the Welsh Language.</p> <p>Any active travel related engagement and consultations will be published and undertaken in Welsh as well as English and will be undertaken in accordance with the Welsh Language Standards (No. 1) Regulations 2015.</p>
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English		✓				<p>As above. This is embodied in the legislation and guidance controlling any consultation procedures.</p>

5. Does the initiative impact on biodiversity:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence) / How might it impact?
To maintain and enhance biodiversity	✓				M	The Active Travel Delivery Plan sets out the strategic vision for active travel in Neath Port Talbot and demonstrates how the active travel network will be improved and extended in the next five years. The implementation of active travel improvements can impact on biodiversity and ecosystems in a number of ways. The Engineering and Transport team will work with colleagues in the Countryside and Wildlife Team to ensure that we protect and enhance biodiversity during all Active Travel construction projects.
To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment, such as air quality, flood alleviation, etc.	✓				M	

6. Does the initiative embrace the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working):

	Yes	No	Details
Long term - how the initiative supports the long term well-being of people	✓		The Active Travel Delivery Plan sets out the strategic vision for active travel in Neath Port Talbot and demonstrates how the active travel network will be improved and extended in the next five years. Making improvements to infrastructure to enable our residents to walk and cycle is an important positive factor in improving people's well-being in the long term through helping to reduce vehicular traffic on the roads and promoting outdoor exercise.
Integration - how the initiative impacts upon our wellbeing objectives	✓		The Active Travel Delivery Plan has been prepared in the context of existing plans and proposals ensuring that it will be fully integrated with all other relevant plans, initiatives and strategies, working towards the same well-being objectives, including the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

<p>Involvement - how people have been involved in developing the initiative</p>	<p>✓</p>		<p>The Active Travel Delivery Plan has been developed in consultation with officers across the Council.</p> <p>Stakeholder and public engagement will be undertaken on individual scheme proposals during the design development. Future Active Travel Network Map revisions will undergo a full public engagement and consultation prior to being reviewed. Allowing full involvement of the general public, other bodies and organisations and stakeholders.</p> <p>On the 30th of April 2024, a meeting was held between relevant officers and councillors to further discuss the Active Travel Delivery Plan. As a result of the meeting and subsequent comments, the report was revised to address the majority of comments. This included providing a proposed list of active travel schemes to be brought forward during the 5-year plan period.</p> <p>These procedures give a wide-ranging opportunity for involvement across the county borough and beyond.</p>
<p>Collaboration - how we have worked with other services/organisations to find shared sustainable solutions</p>	<p>✓</p>		<p>The Active Travel Delivery Plan is the result of collaboration between internal sections of the Council, this includes: Planning, Network management, Highways, Playteam, Countryside, Biodiversity, Environmental Health (Air Quality), Road Safety, Tourism, Energy and communications.</p>
<p>Prevention - how the initiative will prevent problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>✓</p>		<p>The Active Travel Delivery Plan is concerned with ensuring that the active travel network in NPT remains useable, and accessible to all and is developed in the future to meet changing needs and aspirations.</p> <p>The consultation processes outlined above will help to ensure that this continues to be addressed and that problems are identified and can be dealt with where possible and relevant, helping to prevent problems from arising or increasing in the future.</p>

7. Declaration - based on above assessment (tick as appropriate):

A full impact assessment (second stage) is not required	✓
Reasons for this conclusion	
<p>Equalities – The Active Travel Delivery Plan fully considers the Equality Act (2010) and will have no impact on people with protected characteristics.</p> <p>Welsh Language – The Active Travel Delivery Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Welsh Language Standards (No. 1)) Regulations 2015 and its content all embody the principles of the regulations.</p> <p>Biodiversity – The Active Travel Delivery Plan recognises and incorporates the Section 6 duty of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, acknowledging that all decision making within the framework of the Active Travel Delivery Plan will comply with the S6 duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity.</p> <p>Well-being of Future Generation (5 ways of Working) – the Draft Active Travel Plan embraces all five ways of working. The document positively integrates with the Council’s well-being objectives; involves people and has embodied collaboration with stakeholders in its development; and ultimately will help to address issues or problems in respect of the AT network.</p>	

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