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Community Transport

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Introduction. A flexible, community transport based, approach to rural bus transport is being tested in Pembrokeshire. This pilot service has been developed by Transport for Wales, in partnership with Pembrokeshire County Council and PACTO and is being run by Pembrokeshire Voluntary Transport (PVT).

- Anyone can use the service – locals and visitors. All Wales bus pass holders travel free. Otherwise £4/£6 adult return depending on distance travelled. Young people aged 11+ can travel without an adult (adult must make the booking for those aged 11-12) – services run after school and on Saturdays. Talk to PVT if you would like to use the service as a group.
- Journey types include: Shopping and accessing services in Haverfordwest, Fishguard, St Davids and villages within the zone; Medical appointments, including GP surgeries and Withybush Hospital; Travel to work; Group activities, After school clubs and activities, Connecting with onward bus and rail services, Accessing the coast and the coastal path, and Leisure purposes – pub lunch!

Travelling during lockdown. Essential journeys – work, health appointments, essential shopping. As all journeys are pre-booked, you are guaranteed a seat, and we can plan for social distancing. Wear a face mask, sanitise your hands. Use exact change. Contactless payment soon. Stay safe!

For full information visit www.pacto.org.uk/FflecsiBriefingJan.php.

Welsh Government

Llwybr Newydd – a new Welsh transport strategy

Introduction. Consultation on the draft strategy was carried out between 25 November 2020 to 25 January 2021. The 110 page consultation document opens with a summary of the overall vision: 'An accessible, sustainable transport system', followed by its 20-year ambitions and Five-year priorities.

An examination of the consultation document identified ambitions and priorities of relevance to North Pembrokeshire and the South West Wales region.

Some of the *most particular* ambitions and priorities for the area are as follows (the most important in **bold**):

In Section 2. Ambitions for transport in Wales

- Ensure that transport services and infrastructure are designed and delivered in a way that enables **more** and a wider range of people to access them.
- Address digital inclusion, keeping in mind that many people do not have access to mobile technology or the internet and **so information needs to be provided in alternative forms.**

In Section 3. Our five-year priorities

- Maximise the potential of existing transport infrastructure, such as **ports** and railway stations, as sites for investment and growth.
- Continue to support socially necessary bus and rail services in Wales.
- Invest in more attractive (reliable, clean, safe, low carbon and **frequent**) public transport services.

In Section 6. Integration

- We therefore need to think about transport as a **single, integrated** system ...planning for whole journeys...**improving connections** between different types of transport and thinking about how people and goods move **through their whole journey**.

In Section 7. Sub-section: Active travel

- Integrate active travel with other transport modes, incorporating active travel into the design of, for example, new rail schemes and transport interchanges.

In Section 7. Sub-section: Bus

- Deliver innovative, more flexible bus services, in partnership with local authorities, the commercial and third sectors.
- Ask providers to better integrate bus services with other forms of transport.

In Section 7. Sub-section: Rail

- Provide **more services, more and better trains** and more stations in order to make rail services more attractive and improve customer experiences.
- Better integrate rail services with other forms of transport.

In Section 7. Sub-section: Third sector

- Ensure that community transport provision is included in travel plans for existing and new transport, health or educational services.
- Provide more services that respond to community needs including rural communities.
- Integrate third sector services with other transport modes, including bus and rail.

In Section 7. Sub-section: Ports and maritime transport

- Support the **contribution of our ports** towards meeting our ambitions **to grow tourism** across Wales.
- **Integrate ports and maritime into wider transport planning and development.**

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