



North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum Fforwm Trafnidiaeth Gogledd Penfro

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Active travel

1. Welsh Government Active Travel Guidance – July 2021

- 'Active travel is a term used to describe walking and cycling for purposeful journeys to a destination, or in combination with public transport...it is when they displace car journeys that they deliver significant benefits for the health and well-being of Wales. Achieving modal shift by displacing private car journeys with walking and cycling and public transport is at the heart of Llwybr Newydd, the Wales Transport Strategy'.
- 'The Active Travel Act requires local authorities in Wales to produce maps of walking and cycling networks, and to deliver year on year active travel improvements along the mapped routes and their related facilities (toilets, cycle parking etc.)'.
- 'Local authorities must produce maps of existing active travel routes and related facilities in a local authority's area and of the future and improved active travel routes and related facilities needed to create integrated networks for active travel. These area maps are to be submitted to the Welsh Ministers for approval within a prescribed timetable. Local authorities also have a duty to make year on year improvements to their active travel routes and related facilities'.

2. Pembrokeshire County Council - Active Travel Consultation

- 'Earlier in 2021 we sought your views on how cycling and walking provision in Pembrokeshire can be improved. This public engagement was very successful with over 1000 people participating. We have carefully considered all the comments...to produce a draft Active Travel Network Map. As a result there are an additional 330Km of routes on the draft Active Travel Network Map now being consulted on'.

These maps show:

- 'Where routes require improvement and where new routes are needed (labelled "future routes")'.
- 'Routes that already meet the appropriate standard for design of an active travel route (labelled "existing routes")'.
- 'Future routes that are considered to be quick wins are identified on the maps as short term routes, routes which require further investigation are medium term routes, and routes that are likely to require land acquisition and are more complex are identified as long term routes. Click on a future route to see it's priority status'.

For further information *visit* <https://pembrokeshirephase2.commonplace>.

Senedd Climate Change, Environment & Infrastructure Committee

Consultation on the Committee's Priorities for the 6th Senedd

1. 'The Committee will be setting its priorities for the Sixth Senedd (2021-2026) early in the autumn term. In order to help inform the Committee's decisions we are gathering views on what you think our main priorities should be'.

In particular, the Committee is interested in:

- 'Hearing what you think about the Minister and Deputy Minister's priorities for the next 12-18 months. In particular, which of these priorities the Committee should be focusing on over the next year or so; and
- Any other subject you think should be prioritised over the next 12-18 months. Please set out why you think your suggested subject should be a priority for the Committee'.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 10 September 2021. For full information *visit* <https://business.senedd.wales/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=37774>.

2. The Minister and Deputy Minister have set out a series of priority focus areas for the next 12-18 months. The areas include:

Climate Change	Tree Planting	Transport
Energy	Nature and Biodiversity	Digital Infrastructure
Marine Energy	Circular Economy	Housing
Net Zero (carbon emissions)	Environment	Town Centre Regeneration

With regard to Transport:

- 'Welsh Ministers are directly accountable for the Strategic Road Networks of motorways and trunk roads in Wales, holding statutory duties and powers for its safe operation, maintenance and improvement as highway authority. Local authorities are responsible for the local roads'.
- 'We recently published Llwybr Newydd – The Wales Transport Strategy (WTS) 2021 that sets out the long-term vision for an accessible, sustainable and efficient transport system. It also has responsibility for transport decarbonisation including electric vehicles, air quality and road user charging; place making including road safety, road space reallocation and active travel and Blue Badge scheme'.
- 'Currently the three Metro programmes are funded and delivered through a combination of sources. Significant construction work is underway on the South Wales Metro to improve services and better integrate public transport and active travel'.
- 'The Welsh Government is responsible for implementing the strategy and policy relating to Bus and Community Transport as set out in the Wales Transport Strategy'.
- 'The Welsh Government has a substantive role in ensuring that the transport network supports a sustainable system of distributing goods in Wales. The Wales Transport Strategy commits towards a freight and logistics delivery plan to support this role'.
- 'Policy and regulation of the majority of Welsh ports is devolved, but a significant amount of wider maritime policy, including shipping, remains reserved. The Wales Transport Strategy commits to develop a new ports and maritime strategy for Wales which reflects the challenges and opportunities of post-Brexit changes in sea freight movements'.

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South West Wales Joint Regional Transport Forum

The Forum's meeting on 3rd August included the transfer of the chair to Carmarthenshire County Council and an update on the Swansea Bay-West Wales Metro.

The Forum's work is supported by:

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