

## **Summary of Active Travel Board**

**2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017**

### **The Role of Active Travel in the Metro and Wales and Border Franchise (Transport for Wales)**

The Board was given a presentation on the procurement of the South Wales Metro and the successor to the Wales and Borders rail franchise by Elen King from Transport for Wales, which included the timescales for various stages. Active travel is one of 12 priorities all bidders must include when developing their proposals.

The Board discussed various elements of the process and how active travel is taken into consideration, including the possibility of hosting an engagement event for all the bidders to illustrate the importance of active travel.

Transport for Wales requested the Board promote the consultation events.

### **Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance (WelTAG) update**

The Board was presented with information on the WelTAG update and how this will assist with planning future schemes. There was a discussion on the different stages of WelTAG and how the tool can be used for a range of projects. It was suggested that a Board member join the user group, which will be formed following the consultation. This user group will regularly review and update WelTAG in the future.

The consultation on WelTAG closes on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017.

### **Public Services Boards**

The Board was given an overview of the role of Public Services Boards including background on why they have been developed and what they cover. The PSBs will initially assess the well-being of the area and then produce well-being plans by April 2018, which will outline objectives to increase the well-being of the area.

The Board discussed various aspects of the PSBs including timescales, the important role active travel can play in improving well-being and questioned whether best practice will be shared. It was agreed links to well-being assessments will be forwarded to Board members for information.

### **Active Travel in Cardiff**

There was a presentation on Cardiff's Cycling Strategy and how they are developing and engaging on their Integrated Network Maps (INMs). Consultation will be open until

28<sup>th</sup> March. There was discussion of how to encourage those who do not currently use active travel modes to walk or cycle, including the importance of infrastructure.

The Board discussed the possible contention between road safety strategy and active travel, the importance of consulting local access groups and how Cardiff's current plans will fit together with the Metro.

The Board expressed their appreciation to hear directly from a local authority and emphasised the importance of sharing best practice. They requested that the Secretariat should invite other local authorities, potentially from a rural area, to also present.

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### **i. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools**

A representative from the Education department in Welsh Government gave an overview of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools programme, which funds new and improved education facilities, highlighting the current and planned investment and how it will link across policy areas. The guidance issued to local authorities to help them prepare business cases is being re-drafted and will issue soon.

The Board discussed engagement with Sport Wales in support of the link between physical activity and academic attainment and how schools could access SRIC funding to improve access to their locations. There was also discussion around the inclusion of active travel in the monitoring process.

A Board member offered to assist on how behaviour change can be achieved and will be added to the Business Case Scrutiny Group contact list.

**Date of next meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017**