

## National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

16 September 2020  
 Via Zoom

### Note

<b>NICW</b>	Nicola Britton, Office of the NICW
John Lloyd Jones, Chair	Adrian Davies, Office of the NICW
Tom Crick, Commissioner	
Rob Irvine, Commissioner	
Eluned Parrott, Commissioner	<b>Session on Wales Transport Strategy</b> From Transport Policy, Planning & Partnerships, Welsh Government
Rod Smith, Commissioner	
Chris Sutton, Commissioner	
Emma Thomas, Commissioner	
Ceri Doyle, Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dewi Rowlands,</li> <li>• Kate Clark</li> <li>• Alison Thomas,</li> <li>• Ashley Talbot</li> </ul>
Helen Howells, Commissioner	
Stephen Gifford, Commissioner	
Richard Feasey, Commissioner	
Tom Wharf, Commissioner	

### Wales Transport Strategy

1. Dewi Rowlands, provided an update on how the draft transport strategy was developing since he last spoke to the commission in June. Kate Clark led a presentation showing how the policy has evolved through discussions with stakeholders, highlighting five priorities for delivery.
2. The NICW had a wide ranging discussion on the emerging strategy, key points covered:
  - Policy levers to drive behaviour change (e.g. road charging) should account for differences in rural and urban transport needs.
  - How the impact of Covid 19 on travel provides us with opportunity to analyse data on adaptability of welsh economy to reduced/localised travel.

- Challenge on the framing of the priority to *reduce travel*. The transport team clarified their thinking (i.e. bringing services closer to people) but acknowledge this need further consideration.
  - Importance of freight and logistics
  - The need for economic sustainability to be at the centre of the strategy.
3. It was agreed the team would come back to the Commission to discuss final strategy as part of their preparation for publication in spring 2021.

**Action**

*Presentation to be emailed to the NICW for additional comment: Secretariat*

**2020 Annual Report**

- 4. Commissioners discussed a report on digital infrastructure and a draft version of their 2020 annual report.
- 5. Commissioners were content for digital infrastructure report to be published.
- 6. It was agreed an updated version of the annual report would be prepared by the end of September 2020 to enable a November publication deadline.

**Action**

*Comments and contributions in relation to annual report to be submitted by 21 September: All*

- 7. The next meeting will be held on 13 October.