



## **CABINET – 20TH JANUARY 2016**

**SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRAVEL CONSULTATION ON EXISTING ROUTES MAP**

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER**

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- 1.1 The attached report, which was presented to the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 8th December 2015, sought Members' views on the draft Active Travel Existing Routes Maps and reported the responses from statutory and public consultation on the matter, prior to its presentation to Cabinet for approval.
- 1.2 Members were informed that the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 places new duties on local authorities in Wales to produce and publish Active Travel maps. The first stage of the Act requires local authorities to produce an 'Existing Routes Map' that has to be submitted to the Welsh Government for approval by 22nd January 2016.
- 1.3 The Existing Routes Maps prepared and consulted upon (included in Appendix 1 of the report) includes Active Travel routes in the County Borough that satisfy 4 points which summarise the definition of an existing active travel route (as detailed within the report). Of the 35 responses received during the consultation process (summarised in Appendix 2 of the report), 80% agreed with the routes as proposed.
- 1.4 Members noted that one minor change is required to the proposed map to Link 13 (St. Cenydd Comprehensive school to Caerphilly town centre), which amends the origin of the Active Travel route to remove the road bridge from the route. If the bridge becomes compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) then the map can be reviewed in the future.
- 1.5 Officers confirmed that the next stage of the Active Travel scheme is contingent on a deadline being established by Welsh Government and that the work developed to date has contributed to a number of areas of Council strategy, including that of the South East Wales Valleys Local Transport Plan objective to develop innovative walking, cycling and Smarter Choices programmes.
- 1.6 Following consideration and discussion of the report, the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee unanimously recommended to Cabinet that for the reasons contained therein, the results of consultation on the draft Active Travel Existing Routes Maps be noted, and that the proposed Existing Routes Maps (as detailed in the report) be endorsed prior to submission to Welsh Government by 22nd January 2015.
- 1.7 Members are asked to consider these recommendations.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Report to Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 8th December 2015  
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