



CABINET – 4TH OCTOBER 2017

SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRAVEL INTEGRATED NETWORK MAP

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

- 1.1 The attached report, which was presented to the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 19th September 2017, sought Members' views on the draft Active Travel Integrated Network Map and reported the responses from the public consultation, prior to its presentation to Cabinet for consideration.
- 1.2 Officers explained that the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 places new duties on local authorities (LAs) in Wales to produce and publish active travel maps, with the first stage requiring the production of an Existing Routes Map. Caerphilly County Borough Council's Existing Routes Map was approved by the Welsh Government in April 2016. The next stage requires all LAs in Wales to produce an Active Travel Integrated Network Map (INM) by November 2017. A 12-week public consultation on Caerphilly's draft INM has been undertaken and of the 121 questionnaire responses received, 98% stated they support the proposed routes included in the draft INM. Details of the response comments received were appended to the report. As a result of the consultation, there are a number of proposed changes to the INM that will be incorporated into the final version, prior to its submission to Welsh Government (listed at Appendix 3) by the deadline of 3rd November 2017.
- 1.3 Members highlighted several amendments required to the ward and community listings within the Integrated Network Map document. Officers confirmed that these would be reviewed and updated prior to the final version being submitted to Welsh Government. In response to a query regarding the funding of the INM, it was explained that external funding sources (such as Welsh Government) will need to be secured to progress and deliver the proposals shown within the map. There is an expectation that funding will be made available to allow delivery of this statutory requirement but details have not been released to date. Members were advised that due to the diverse nature of the plan, there is potential for other funding avenues to be explored.
- 1.4 Following consideration of the report (and subject to the aforementioned amendments) the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee unanimously recommended to Cabinet that for the reasons contained therein, the draft Active Travel Integrated Network Map and proposed changes following consultation as appended to the report, be approved.
- 1.5 Members are asked to consider the recommendation.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Report to Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 19th September 2017 – Agenda Item 9