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To the Welsh Ministers,

## **Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013: Annual Report on Active Travel**

In accordance with the duties under sections 7 (3) and 10 (2) of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 outlined below is Flintshire County Council's annual report.

### **Actions taken to promote active travel journeys 2015/16**

#### **1.0 Road Safety**

1.1 Road Safety Education and Training has been delivered to approximately 1886 children between the ages of 3 and 11 across 10 primary schools.

1.2 Kerbcraft Training has been delivered to approximately 564 year one pupils across 12 of primary schools.

1.3 National Standards Cycle Training was delivered to approximately 823 year 6 pupils across Flintshire schools.

#### **2.0 Active Travel Consultation/Engagement**

2.1 Flintshire County Council undertook a statutory consultation on its Active Travel Existing Route Map from 20th August 2015 to the 25th December 2015. Whilst the consultation mainly sought views on proposed Active Travel Routes on the draft Existing Route Map it also promoted making active travel journeys through various activities held during the consultation period. The consultation was launched jointly with Denbighshire County Council at the Denbigh & Flint Show on the 20th August 2015 and was published on Flintshire County Council's website and publicised in the Children & Young Peoples (CYPP) newsletter with a link provided on the CYPP Facebook Group. During the consultation the Council issued press releases with photographs and undertook social medial activities to promote Active Travel. Officers also attended Flintshire's Business Week, a Flintshire Youth Forum meeting and a drop-in session at Coleg Cambria, Deeside to consult on and promote the Active Travel Agenda. High-vis bilingual vests have been provided to a number of school children bearing Flintshire's

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Active Travel Logo on the front and the motto “I’m an Active traveller” on the reverse of the Tabard.

2.2 In February 2016 officers attended Flintshire County Council’s Health and Wellbeing event to promote the Active Travel Agenda.

### **3.0 Signage**

3.1 Completion of a signage scheme for the cycling network between Sandycroft and Queensferry.

3.2 Installation of 30 new signs and 100 waymarks on the Public Rights of Way network.

### **4.0 Websites/ Social Media /Publication**

4.1 An Active Travel web page was developed on Flintshire County Council’s website. The page includes information on Active Travel with useful links to various sites such as Sustrans, NHS change 4 life – Active Travel, Road Safety, Rights of Way, Cycling and other useful documents relating to Active Travel.

4.2 Promoted Public Rights of Way were publicised through leaflets and the council’s website.

4.3 Commissioned the design of leaflet aimed at encouraging Children and Young People to become involved in developing Flintshire’s Active Travel Integrated Network Map.

### **5.0 Cycling Schemes**

5.1 Flintshire County Council operated its Cycle to Work Scheme and Borrow a Bike scheme.

### **6.0 Travel Planning**

6.1 Promotion of sustainable travel themes undertaken as part of the remit of the Regional Travel Plan Co-ordinator to encourage active travel journeys at key locations such as Deeside Industrial Park and Coleg Cambria.

6.2 Seventeen travel plans were secured through the planning process which include measures to encourage active travel journeys in areas including Deeside Enterprise Zone, large residential developments, health and educational facilities. Measures vary for each Travel Plan and can include improved infrastructure, provision of secure cycle storage, provision of changing facilities for walkers/cyclists, implementation of salary sacrifice cycle schemes, provision of maps and other information to encourage active travel journeys.

### **The actions taken to secure new active travel routes and related facilities and improvements 2015/16**

#### **7.0 Infrastructure secured through the Planning Process**

7.1 Broughton Residential Development - A segregated, off-site, foot/cycleway from the residential development linking toward the primary school in one direction and the retail park in the other. A total length of 560m.

7.2 Upper Bryn Coch, Mold - A combined foot/cycleway leading from the end of the Tal y Coed, a new residential cul-de-sac, providing a link to the existing off-site foot/cycle route giving access to Maes Gwern Industrial/Business Area. Total on-site length 50m.

7.3 Heathlands Development Buckley - An on-site footpath providing a pedestrian link from Jacobean Way to the existing footpath leading towards Drury Lane Industrial Estate. A length of 60m.

7.4 Croes Atti Development Flint - The provision of combined on-site foot/cycle routes providing linkage from the residential development to existing facilities running alongside the A548. A total length of 480m.

7.5 A 3m wide shared service facility has been secured for phase 1 of the Northern Gateway Development at Garden City.

## **8.0 Other Schemes**

8.1 In February 2016 Flintshire County Council secured a grant of £144,750 through the Local Transport fund 2016/17 to deliver community transport hubs to include Active Travel infrastructure.

8.2 Completion of footpath scheme design to implement a link between the Community of Bryn y Baal and Mold Town.

8.3 Throughout 2015/16 officers continued with the development of the following schemes:

- Upgrading of Mold to Flint Cycleway.
- A5104 Proposed off road shared use facility at Broughton
- Proposed off road shared use facility - Kelsterton to Dock Road
- Proposed off road shared use facility at B5129 Sandycroft to Airbus, Broughton
- Proposed on/off road cycling facility between Flint and Bagillt

8.4 Leisure Services continued to work with key service areas including Highways to secure safe and convenient access to public open spaces.

8.5 Leisure Services continued to work closely with planning to ensure that new public open space and dedicated sports facilities can be safely accessed by facility users including vulnerable users such as young children and disabled persons. For example new access and path at Maes Bodlonfa in Mold as part of redevelopment of Bryn Gwalia.

## **Costs incurred for new active travel routes and facilities and improvements of existing active travel routes and related facilities carried out in the preceding full financial year**

### **9.0 Schemes completed 2015/16**

9.1 Provision of a 1.3km footway along Bryn Road linking Alltami to Argoed High School in Bryn Y Baal. The scheme also included the upgrade and relocation of street lighting columns and a zebra crossing outside the school. Cost £247,500.

9.2 A LED lighting scheme has been provided along 3km of NCN5 from Dock Road in Connahs Quay to Deeside Industrial Park zones 1, 2 & 3. Cost £250,000.

9.3 A widening scheme to provide a 3m shared use walking/cycling facility from Station Road, Queensferry along Chester Road West passing Deeside Leisure Centre to an existing shared use facility linking to Westminster Crescent in Shotton. Cost £60,000.

9.4 Provision of a toucan crossing in Church Street, Connahs Quay. Cost £18,000.

9.5 A widening scheme to upgrade existing link footpaths between Sandycroft and Queensferry to provide a shared use walking/cycling facility. Cost £20,780

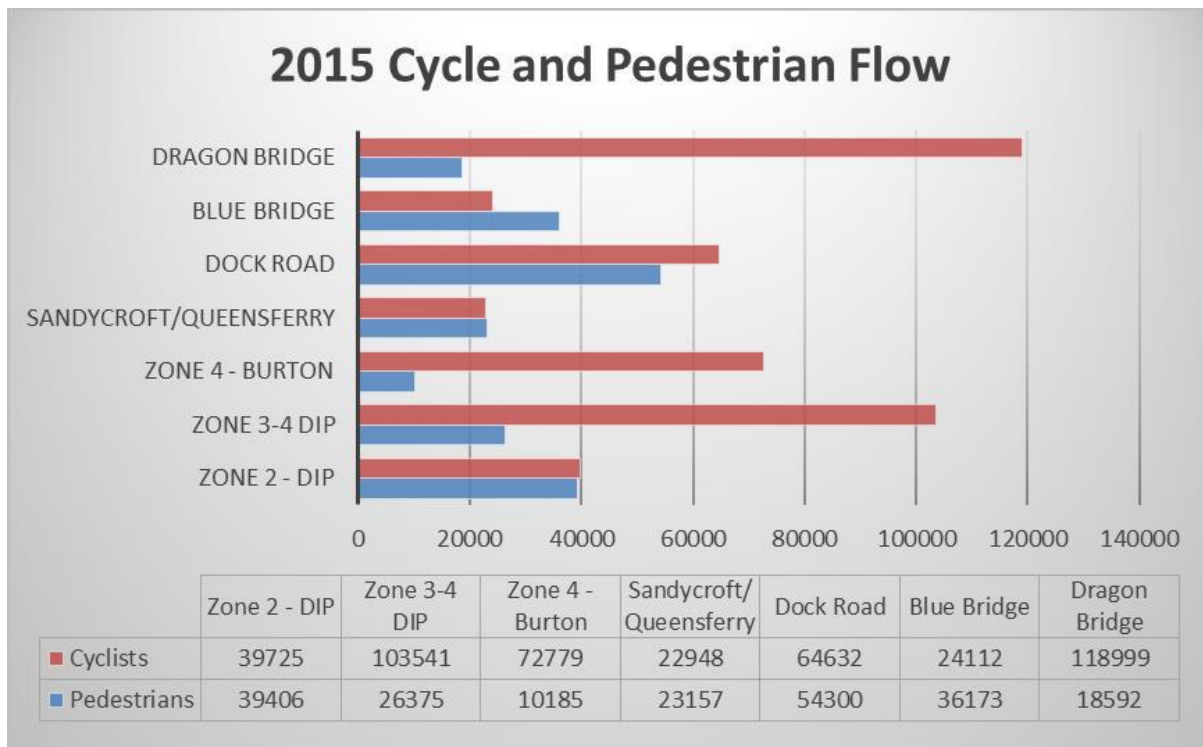
9.6 Provision of a diversionary 'high tide' cycle route under the Hawarden Bridge in Shotton. Cost £25,382.

9.7 Six public footpaths have been surfaced with slurry seal to prolong their life. Thirty new signs and one hundred waymarks have been installed on the Public Rights of Way network. Cost £12,000

9.8 The total cost incurred for the last financial year **£633,662**.

**10. Monitoring**

10.1. The baseline data for 2015 is illustrated in the graph below:



I confirm that this report will be published, in accordance with the statutory Delivery Guidance on Flintshire County Council’s website.

Yours sincerely

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