

## **Summary of Active Travel Board**

**29 November 2018**

### **Welcome and introductions**

The Chair opened the meeting, introducing himself and welcomed new members from Living Streets and Transport for Wales (TfW) to the Board.

### **Transport for Wales Rail Services**

The Board were presented with TfW's plans for active travel improvements linked to rail services and stations. This includes developing an Active Travel Strategy. TfW plan to audit all rail stations in Wales and develop 50 regional station travel plans. This activity will be supported by 22 Ambassadors which will work with the local communities.

TfW also highlighted the specific commitments to walking and cycling including investment as part of the overall £194m for station upgrades and increasing cycle spaces on rail services. There is also a commitment to provide cycle storage at all Metro stations by the end of 2023, which will see £1.4m capital invested.

### **Ken Skates AM, Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport**

The Cabinet Secretary spoke briefly, highlighting the success of Nextbike in Cardiff and how public bike share schemes could be expanded and integrated into TfW's plans.

The issue of long term funding was discussed with the Cabinet Secretary confirming there is commitment to active travel across the Government and there was a very high likelihood that funding will be maintained.

The Board discussed the importance of collaboration across Government departments and other partners, in particular utilising the Wales Transport Strategy to integrate active travel into wider transport policy. The Board also reiterated the need for revenue funding for behaviour change programmes, especially in deprived areas. There was a discussion on social prescribing with a trial due to take place in Cardiff & Vale Public Service Board (PSB) in partnership with Nextbike. Further collaboration between Welsh Cycling and Sustrans was also highlighted, through the Healthy & Active Fund.

### **Cardiff & Vale Public Service Board**

The Board were given an overview of how Cardiff & Vale's PSB progresses work on active travel, which included information on their Well-Being Plan commitments and the different activities and plans for improving and increasing active travel in their area. This includes cycle infrastructure, public transport discounts, an interactive map of active travel facilities and consistent communication through implementation of their communication toolkit. The PSB have also set targets for decreasing car use and increasing active travel as the chosen travel mode for commuting, which all partner organisations will sign up to.

Following the presentation the Board discussed the deliverability of the proposed targets, and the possibility of utilising the Economic Contract as a mechanism to encourage travel

behaviour change across different employers. The Healthy Working Wales programme was also mentioned with interest from air quality colleagues who are open to greater collaboration.

### **Active Travel to School National Advisory Group**

The Board discussed the Action Plan which has been developed by the Active Travel to School National Advisory Group (ATSNAG). Areas discussed included the basis of the 60% target and the appropriateness of the actions. It was agreed that further work should be undertaken to develop proposals for evidence based targets and the baseline data should be revisited.

There was also a brief conversation on 21st Century Schools, including the lack of capital funding directed to active travel infrastructure around schools. It was agreed this would be raised at a meeting with the 21st Century Schools team. It is also a consideration for Policy Planning Wales (PPW) which is currently being reviewed. Edition 10 was published in December and can be found here: <https://gov.wales/planning-policy-wales>.

### **Active Travel Workshop Outcomes**

The Active Travel Workshop took place in October 2018, in which the Board discussed how to effectively increase and promote active travel in Wales. The Board was invited to provide feedback and propose how best to take this work forward. It was agreed that the Board should aim to identify 2-3 common objectives to which each organisation represented on the Board can sign up and add to their own individual strategies.

### **Welsh Government Update**

The Board was given a brief update on Welsh Government activity including an update on the Wales Transport Strategy (WTS).

The Board also discussed inviting a representative for air quality to join the Board.

### **Active Travel Conference**

The Board was invited to suggest potential content for the next Active Travel Conference in 2019. Following some suggestions, it was agreed this would be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

### **AOB**

An issue regarding the wider circulation of Board papers was raised by the Secretariat following a request by a member. The Board briefly discussed this issue and agreed to continue discussions at the next meeting in February.

**Date of next meeting: 21 February 2019 10:30-12:30.**