

COUNCIL: 22 JULY 2021

STRATEGIC PLANNING & TRANSPORT STATEMENT

Consultation on Active Travel Network Map

A report on the consultation on the Active Travel Network Map for Cardiff was considered by the Cabinet on 15 July 2021 and approval has been given to undertake the statutory 12-week consultation on the draft Active Travel Network Map.

In setting out the plan for active travel infrastructure development over the next 15 years, the Active Travel Network Map is crucially important to the delivery of the Council's Transport White Paper vision. The routes and schemes on the Active Travel Network Map comprise existing active travel routes, cycleways, future active travel routes (secondary routes) and local road safety schemes linking Cardiff's schools to the active travel network. Much of the data used to populate the map was 'crowdsourced' from members of the public using the Commonplace engagement tool earlier this year. The 15-year vision shows the ambition of this Council to create a truly city-wide network of high quality active travel routes, linking people from their homes to the places they need to go.

The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 places a requirement on Local Authorities in Wales to plan for the provision for active travel routes and demonstrate continuous improvement in delivery for active travel. Local Authorities are required to plan their active travel routes in the Existing Route Map, which sets out existing active travel routes, and the Integrated Network Map, which sets out future plans to develop active travel routes. The Active Travel Network Map combines the Existing Route Map and the Integrated Network Map into one single map. The Existing Route Map and Integrated Network Map must be reviewed and resubmitted to Welsh Ministers for approval every three years. The deadline to resubmit the Active Travel Network Map for approval by Welsh Government is 31 December 2021.

Cycleway 1.2 Update

Cycleway 1.2 comprises the provision of a segregated two-way cycle track on Cathays Terrace, Whitchurch Road and Allensbank Road and associated junction improvements to provide a safe and attractive cycle route. The scheme also includes new sustainable drainage infrastructure, rain gardens, bee-friendly bus stops and new trees. A supporting residential zonal parking permit scheme has been designed to mitigate the loss of parking spaces. This scheme will reallocate spaces to favour residents and quick turnover parking for businesses, whilst also reducing commuter parking in area.

A report on the award of the contract for the construction of Cycleway 1.2 was considered by the Cabinet on 15 July 2021, with the contract being awarded to

Horan Construction Ltd. following an 11-week tender period. Enabling accommodation works are due to start in August 2021, with the principal contractor commencing on site in September 2021 and aiming to complete the works by May 2022. A more detailed programme of works is expected to be available shortly now that the contract has been awarded.

Highway and Footway Asset Improvement Programme

Localised footway and carriageway improvements are ongoing throughout the city, along with footway reconstruction. Assessment and preparation work for additional capital schemes is also ongoing with a view to delivery throughout 2021/22. In addition, a contract has been awarded for resurfacing significant lengths of the city's high-speed routes (A48, A4232 and A4234 Central Link). The works have commenced and will continue for a period of approximately four weeks.

Replacement Local Development Plan Consultation

The 8-week consultation on the draft Vision, Issues and Objectives and draft Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) Scoping Report closes on 23 July 2021.

The 10-week Call for Candidate Sites closes on 20 August 2021.

The consultation survey has been widely publicised on the Council's new Local Development Plan (LDP) website and virtual consultation room, as well as Facebook and Twitter. To date, over 350 responses to the survey have been received.

Following the close of consultation on the draft Vision, Issues and Objectives, and draft ISA Scoping Report, the comments received will be considered. Both these and a final version of the Vision, Issues and Objectives and draft ISA Scoping Report will be reported to Cabinet and Council in September 2021.

The next stage will then be consultation on the Strategic Options relating to levels of growth and spatial options, which is planned to take place for 10 weeks commencing at the end of November 2021.

Both these stages will inform the development of the Replacement LDP Preferred Strategy, which is planned to be reported to Cabinet and Council in September 2022, with further consultation in October/November 2022 to include a wide-reaching engagement process, which will ensure that a wide variety of voices and communities are heard.

Bus Strategy for Cardiff

On 15 July 2021, the Council's Cabinet approved the undertaking of public consultation and engagement to develop a new Bus Strategy for Cardiff. A public information pack will now be prepared and a 6-week consultation with the public, partners and stakeholders is scheduled to begin in September 2021.

The Council has drawn up a nine-point strategy designed to make buses a more attractive and affordable option for existing and prospective bus users, including:

- Introducing cheaper fares;

- Working with Transport for Wales (TfW) to develop an integrated ticketing system which works with the Metro;
- Getting more low-emission buses on the road;
- Building infrastructure which will make bus travel easier and quicker; and
- Creating a better customer experience.

The results of the consultation will inform the Council's priorities for improving bus travel in the city over the next 10 years in line with our Transport White Paper.

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