

First £10m of Active Travel grants announced

As part of the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan Mid-Point Review 2018 more than £10m has been earmarked for individual projects and packages of local schemes the length of Wales.

All local authorities were invited to submit applications – one strategic scheme and one local scheme or package of local schemes per local authority. A total of 35 applications were received, including 16 applications for strategic schemes, and 19 applications for local schemes.

The Active Travel Fund will allow 11 strategic schemes and 13 local schemes across 18 local authorities to be designed or delivered this financial year.

Transport Secretary Ken Skates said:

“This funding will create new active travel routes across Wales, connecting people’s homes to schools, jobs and their local community with the aim of encouraging more people to walk or cycle.

“I am allocating the first £10.36 million to local authorities across Wales for schemes to promote active travel, which supports our efforts as a government to reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality, while building physical activity into people’s daily lives, delivering wider health benefits.”

Some examples of the projects include:

Flintshire

Strategic – Deeside Industrial Park – Active travel and bus infrastructure on Parkway, Deeside Industrial Park Zone 2 – £1,070,000

Local – Holywell town walking and cycling link – Phase 1 – construction of active travel path, Greenfield Valley – £697,000

Pembrokeshire

Local – Pembrokeshire active travel package – Fishguard / Goodwick – Town Centre SUP Link, Haverfordwest – Castle Lake Link, Narberth – Redstone Court to Rugby Club Link, St Dogmaels – County Boundary to the Moorings, Neyland – A477 Westfield Pill Bridge Crossing £493,000

Powys

Strategic – Newtown Bridge (the 3rd Crossing) – New active travel bridge over

River Severn £500,000

Local – Powys Active Travel Programme – Presteigne Phase ii, Section 1 active travel improvements and Active Travel Newtown, Pool Road – £450,000.