



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022/23**

**CLIMATE CHANGE, FRONTLINE SERVICES AND PROSPERITY SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &  
COMMUNICATIONS**

**WELSH TRANSPORT APPRAISAL GUIDANCE (WeITAG) 2022 CONSULTATION**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 For members of the Climate Change, Frontline Services and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee to formally respond to the Welsh Government consultation for the [Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance 2022 \(WeITAG\)](#) which plans transport programmes, policies and projects. The draft guidance has been updated from the 2017 guidance to reflect [Llwybr Newydd](#), the new Wales transport strategy 2021.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members: -

- 2.1 Respond to the attached Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance [consultation](#) 2022, and decide whether they wish to make any further comments or suggestions as appropriate following consideration of the information before them.

**3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To provide Scrutiny with the opportunity to respond to the consultation by the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 so that it can have its say on the draft guidance and how the governance of WeITAG might be improved.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 WeITAG 2022 takes a logical, staged approach to planning and designing transport projects, programmes and policies. It shows how to align them with our priorities for transport in Wales and deliver against wider well-being ambitions including reducing carbon emissions. It embeds the Sustainable Transport Hierarchy in the planning process.
- 4.2 There are important changes in WeITAG 2022. These include a closer alignment with Welsh Government priorities for transport, a stronger focus on well-being and a new proportional approach, suitable for smaller projects in Wales.
- 4.3 The new draft guidance, proposes to strengthen the governance around the production, approval and sign off of WeITAG studies for projects that seek Welsh Government funding and support. The aim is to identify opportunities to improve the way studies are commissioned and approved, in order to ensure they are high quality, meet the needs of all users and represent good value for money.

#### **5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from the recommendations set out in the report.

#### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

#### **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

- 7.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

#### **8. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.**

- 8.1 This is an information report presenting the Welsh Government's consultation on the Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance 2022. No decisions are being taken in this report.

#### **9. CONCLUSION**

- 9.1 The Climate Change, Frontline Services and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee, in line with its Terms of Reference, has been afforded the opportunity to respond to the consultation published on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022 by Welsh Government which sets out updated guidance on transport appraisal in Wales

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**AS AMENDED BY**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

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