

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 11 March 2025

Title: Mid Wales Regional Transport Plan Consultation

Purpose of the report: To inform Cabinet of the ongoing/open consultation in relation to the Mid Wales Regional Transport Plan developed by the Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee

For: Information

Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member:
Cllr Keith Henson, Cabinet Member for Highways & Environmental Services and Carbon Management

Background

Transport plays a vital role in our daily lives, shaping how we access work, education, healthcare, and leisure, and the Mid Wales Regional Transport Plan (MWRTP) sets out the Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee's (CJC) approach to improving transport in the Mid Wales region between now and 2040 in response to our current and future challenges.

This MWRTP has been prepared by the CJC covering the Local Authorities of Ceredigion and Powys in response to the Welsh Government requirement for RTPs to be submitted in 2025, and sets an ambitious vision to create a sustainable, low-carbon, and efficient transport system. It will focus on improving connectivity within and beyond Mid Wales while tackling challenges unique to our rural landscape.

The aim of the plan is to help solve the current and future transport problems in the region over the next five years, and it will guide decisions on future transport investment, ensuring that Mid Wales can support national, regional and local ambitions for the transport network.

The CJC's vision for the MWRTP is to create:

“An accessible, low-carbon, efficient, and well-connected rural transport system that supports sustainable economic growth, prosperous communities and a vibrant culture within the distinctive region of Mid Wales.”

Amongst the Key Issues identified within the plan are:

- Limited access to employment and services for those without access to a car
- Limited opportunities to pass and overtake on the highway causing delay and congestion
- Climate change such as flooding makes the transport network less reliable

- High dependency on car for travel
- Lack of alternative travel options such as walking and cycling
- Limited and infrequent public transport options
- Ageing population which will present challenges in future transport provision
- Poor condition of the road has an impact on safety

The MWRTP will seek to deliver improvements to transport in Mid Wales in these areas over the next five years by developing schemes which focus on:

- Strategic Connectivity
- Walking, cycling and wheeling
- Public Transport
- Road Safety
- Resilience
- Greener vehicles
- Community Transport
- Behaviour Change

Key objectives of the RTP include:

- Increasing access to sustainable transport modes such as cycling, walking, and public transport
- Enhancing transport links to drive economic and tourism growth
- Supporting efforts to reduce the environmental impacts of transport

A consultation on the MWRTP is being hosted between Monday 3rd February and Friday 4th April and stakeholders (residents, businesses, and visitors) within Mid Wales are being asked to provide comments on the proposed transport improvements for Mid Wales set out in the MWRTP.

This consultation/survey has been commissioned by Ceredigion and Powys County Councils on behalf of the Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee - Growing Mid Wales which is a partnership between Ceredigion County Council (CCC) and Powys County Council (PCC).

Feedback received will be carefully considered when creating the final MWRTP which will be published in Spring/Summer 2025.

The draft MWRTP and supporting documents can be viewed on the Growing Mid Wales Transportation webpage [Mid Wales Transportation - English - Growing Mid Wales](#), and the survey can also be found at [Draft Mid Wales Regional Transport Plan: Public Consultation Feedback Survey](#) or at [Mid Wales Regional Transport Plan - Ceredigion County Council](#)

Recommendation(s):

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT Cabinet note the content of the report.

Reasons for decision:

For Cabinet to note the open consultation currently being undertaken by the Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee in relation to the Draft Mid Wales Regional Transport Plan.

Overview and Scrutiny:

N/A

Policy Framework:

N/A

Corporate Well-being Objectives:

N/A

Finance and Procurement implications:

N/A

Legal Implications:

N/A

Staffing implications:

None

Property / asset implications:

N/A

Risk(s):

N/A

Statutory Powers:

Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021

Background Papers:

[Llwybr Newydd A New Wales Transport Strategy 2021: full strategy](#)

Appendices:

N/A

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Date:

24 February 2025