

# Y BWRDD GWEITHREDOL

9 MAI, 2016

## DATBLYGU CWRS FFORDD GAEEDIG AR GYFER RASIO BEICS

### Yr argymhellion / penderfyniadau allweddol sydd eu hangen:

- Rhoi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y cefndir a buddion y cynnig
- Amlinellu'r fanyleb ofynnol
- Amlinellu camau nesaf y broses
- Hysbysebu am fynegiannau o ddiddordeb gan berchnogion tir yn Sir Gaerfyrddin y gallai fod ganddynt ddiddordeb mewn cydweithio â'r awdurdod a Beicio Cymru i ddatblygu'r cyfleuster ar eu tir.

### Y rhesymau:

- Sicrhau bod yr aelodau yn cael gwybodaeth am gynnydd o ran y fenter
- Sicrhau proses gaffael agored mewn perthynas â'r cyfle
- Rhoddir ystyriaeth i nifer o gyfleusterau sy'n eiddo i CSC hefyd fel rhan o'r broses asesu safleoedd a arweinir gan Feicio Cymru.

Angen ymgynghori â'r Pwyllgor Craffu perthnasol: NAC OES

Angen i'r Bwrdd Gweithredol wneud penderfyniad OES – 9 MAI, 2016

Angen i'r Cyngor wneud penderfyniad NAC OES

### YR AELOD O'R BWRDD GWEITHREDOL SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO:-

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2016**

**DEVELOPMENT OF A CLOSED ROAD CYCLING CIRCUIT**

**1. Background**

**Welsh Cycling** is the National Governing Body for cycle sport in Wales. Covering all recognized cycling disciplines: road, track, mountain bike, cyclo-cross, cycle speedway and BMX. Welsh Cycling's strategic outcomes are:

- Every child able to cycle
- More people having the opportunity to cycle safely and achieve their personal goals
- Welsh Cyclists achieving international success
- An effective and sustainable organization that provides leadership and advice to those with an interest in cycling

These outcomes are aligned to **Welsh Government and Sports Wales' aspirations** of 'Uniting a proud sporting nation' by getting 'Every child hooked on sport for life' and 'Creating a nation of champions'

Carmarthenshire County Council is in the process of developing a Cycling (and walking) strategy for the County, which aims to make the County the 'Cycling hub of Wales'. The strategy will be reported through Executive Board over the coming months and has three main focus areas: Development pathways; Events; and Infrastructure.

In terms of infrastructure, one of the key areas that both Welsh Cycling and Sport Wales recognise as vital for the further development of cycling in Wales is "quality closed road circuit facilities". Closed Road Circuits are used for competitive cycle sport events, for 'road' racing, for recreational organised events, for coaching and training activity, and as informal cycling venues that offer a safe traffic free environment.

Welsh Cycling and Sport Wales have given their full backing and support for a purpose built floodlit closed road facility in Carmarthenshire. Funding has been agreed in the authority's capital programme, with no future running costs anticipated. The facility would be of British standard and be the best in Wales if not the UK, attracting local, regional and national events, races and training camps.

## **2. Benefits**

Whilst the case for the facility has been made and is reflected by the fact that funding is already included in the capital programme, a summary of key benefits relating to cycling development is listed below.

- It cost Yorkshire in the region of £35m to host the 'grand depart' (first stage) of the Tour de France, however, the estimated financial return for the County is currently £120m and likely to increase to £150m with return visits to the area. The tour was watched live by almost 5m people in 2015, with a further TV audience of 5.5bn people watching from over 120 countries.
- 14,000 entered the Wales velothon in SE Wales last year, each paying £70 for the privilege.
- Monmouthshire have calculated a £4.1m economic boost to the economy from hosting a stage of the Tour of Britain (Carmarthenshire is bidding for the grand depart of the Tour of Britain in 2018).
- Cycling helps people to get the exercise they need to make a healthier population with improved physiological wellbeing, increasing mobility and life chances and promotes independence in youth and older ages.
- It boosts local economic activity through business and tourism in particular.
- Good facilities bring competition and events from weekly club races to national and international events.
- Develops physical literacy and participation. The most recent School Sport Survey showed that cycling has continued to grow, and is now the 4<sup>th</sup> most popular sport. Participation has increased from 31% to 41%.

## **3. Technical Specification**

A full specification is available via British Cycling's Technical department, however, as a guide, a 1.5km circuit incorporating a 250m flat oval will require as a minimum an area of land measuring 550m by 30m, of which, the end 120m requires an increased width of 80m, allowing for the incorporation of the turning loop featuring a 250m oval. This size provides for the necessary safety zones/ run-off zones and inclusion of a judges area. Ideally, tracks are floodlit to maximise year-round usage.

**Length:** The lap should measure between 1km and 3km. For racing purposes, circuits which are less than 1 km in length tend to get too busy as riders are lapped more frequently and can also present difficulties for judging.

Circuits which are more than 3km can be too difficult to manage and can present difficulties for marshalling for competition purposes.

National	1.5km+
Regional	1 km +
Community	800m+

## **4. Next Steps & Recommendations**

In order to manage risk and ensure best value, it is recommended that:

- In order to find the best site, CCC advertises in the local press to ensure that there isn't another landowner in the County who would be able to work with the authority and Welsh Cycling to base the closed circuit cycle track on their land. A number of CCC owned facilities will also be considered as part of the site assessment process, which will be led by Welsh Cycling and based on their agreed specification and requirements for the facility.
- To manage design and construction risk, CCC takes the lead on this work, procured through the internal framework agreement.
- If a third party site is favoured, CCC would enter into a head lease with the landowner with an under-lease to Welsh Cycling to operate the facility (at no cost to CCC).

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**NO**

## IMPLICATIONS

**I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :**

**Signed: Ian Jones**

**Head of Leisure**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>

### 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The proposed scheme positively contributes to the authority's stated aims and strategic objectives.

### 2. Legal

Potential state aid issues will need to be examined in further detail depending on the final choice of site, however, early examination indicates that multi-use community access to the facility would suggest that state aid status would not apply.

If a third party site is favoured, CCC would enter into a head lease with the landowner with an under-lease to Welsh Cycling to operate the facility.

### 3. Finance

Capital costs agreed via capital programmes. No ongoing revenue costs for CCC.

### 4. Physical Assets

Open advert protects the authority in terms of any future challenge from a procurement / partnering perspective.

# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Ian Jones

Head of Leisure

**1. Scrutiny Committee N/A**

**2. Local Member(s) N/A**

**3. Community / Town Council N/A**

**4. Relevant Partners**

Sport Wales

British Cycling

Welsh Cycling

We Cycle Wales

**5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A**

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information**

**List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE LISTED BELOW.

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
British Cycling Technical design documents		HOS office, 3 Spilman Street, Carmarthen