

Powys PSB Well-being Plan, Step 3 – Work with and influence others to improve our transport infrastructure, our existing transport links and develop a sustainable and integrated approach for planning and delivery.

The rural nature of Powys means that frequent travel is inevitable whether for work or leisure and being able to get around Powys and beyond, easily and safely underpins the 2040 vision. There are cycle routes and bus services available however, they are not as connected, convenient or as safe as they could be, and people can find themselves isolated because they are no longer able to drive. The public sector in Powys provides a lot of transport within the county and there are opportunities to improve the way we do this, potentially making better use of what we have, including community transport, and providing additional benefits to our communities. The PSB will work collectively to make the case for Powys with national and regional Government for investment in transport including the provision of electric charging points and refuelling points for emerging fuels.

A sustainable and reliable transportation structure is vital for the health and well-being of both citizens, communities and businesses living and working within Powys.

The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 places a duty on Public Sector organisations to work together to deliver services and support to local communities in a joined up and sustainable way. The Public Service Board Step 3 is designed to enable all partners to work together to ensure that a cohesive and long-term approach is taken to tackle issues such as road safety, improving road engineering and signage, loneliness and isolation, and sustainable infrastructures. Improving Powys's transport infrastructure could also contribute towards reducing loneliness and isolation concerns.

The Public Service Board representatives on the Transportation and Sustainable Implementation Group are working together to understand the challenges facing young and old, together with communities and businesses, to look at how roads and bus and train timetabling can be improved. The group is also looking at the most suitable locations for electric charging points both for those living in Powys, and those using the County as a business or holiday location.

The Step 3 Group is now looking at ways, as a collective between public, private and third sector partners to deliver holistic and long-term solutions for the people of Powys going forward to 2040. This can only be achieved by sharing knowledge, data and resources to deliver workable solutions for the long term.

At this early stage, the Step 3 Group is already looking to site electric charging points at locations that can be shared amongst Public Sector partners and members of the community. We are also seeking further clarity from Welsh Government on a revised road safety strategic direction to enable the Community Safety Partnership in Powys to work with others on common themes around road safety.

Work is progressing, and we hope that over the next few years you will be able to see the change in your communities.