

Initial Outcome Proposal to the East Suffolk Community Partnership Board – FY2023/24

(Stage 1 Proposal)

1. Name of Project/activity that will deliver the outcome(s)

E-bike pilot scheme in two East Suffolk Community Partnership areas

2. Key outcome(s)

- Increased physical activity
- Additional evidence of how sustainable transport works in rural communities

3. How has the need been identified?

Following the May 2023 elections, there were initial discussions with the newly elected councillors in the Framlingham, Wickham Market, Kelsale and Yoxford and villages CP area about the potential to provide access for residents to e-bikes. This was after an enquiry was made by a resident about e-bikes and how this was a way that residents in rural communities could get around in an environmentally friendly way.

The initial idea was to provide e-bikes on stands that people can freely use and then put back on charge. There is a rural precedent on this from Cumbria that could be replicated if there is need. In order to establish more of a sense about potential take-up in East Suffolk, the suggestion is to fund a pilot in the area with bikes being loaned to residents. This is similar to a SCC scheme where Hurricane Bikes loan a bike to a resident and SCC cover the subscription fee of the bike.

Both Framlingham, Wickham Market, Kelsale and Yoxford and villages and Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Peninsula Community Partnerships have considered or adopted environmental priorities. Transport has come up as part of this, including ways residents can be encouraged to travel in a more environmentally friendly way.

The SCC scheme has been successful thus far in the county with some notable press coverage: [‘Bike Library’ pilot project launched to promote active travel in Lowestoft | Suffolk Growth](#). This project seeks to adopt a targeted focus on rural areas to offer the opportunity of e-bike use to residents in parishes as a way to get around. This focussed approach will develop evidence of need of e-bikes in rural settings. An example of this pilot approach working in other sectors is care where 40 bikes were allocated for care workers and 90 expressions of interest were received.

4. Who will benefit from the outcomes?

The main beneficiaries will be Individuals living in rural areas who wish to travel more via bicycle but cannot afford this or a bicycle is challenging (e-bikes being easier to pedal and being less strenuous due to the electric assist).

5. How will the outcomes(s) be sustained after the funding period (if appropriate)?

The scheme could be run in other CP areas if there is need and if funding can be secured from other sources – for example, Councillor Enabling Communities budgets or external funding. If evidence is established that this form of travel is popular, it will be scoped about a model where e-bikes could be freely accessible to cycle and put back.

6. Brief description of the project / activity that will deliver the outcome(s).

This funding would subsidise the subscription fee on e-bike loans thus reducing the costs to the end user. A call would be put out for expressions of interest, and these would be reviewed by a panel in each CP area, Successful applicants will be granted a loan of a bike by Hurrecane to try. The criteria would need to be refined but might include low-income, advised by doctor to keep active after a health issue etc. Hurrecane provide the maintenance and repairs and do an induction on the bike.

Start and End dates: May 2024 start date with 6 month loans ending in November 2024

7. Who is involved?

Who is involved in developing this outcome proposal?

East Suffolk Council Officers have worked to develop this proposal and the idea has been discussed previously with ward councillors

Who will deliver the project/activity?

Hurrecane ebike Ltd

Name of East Suffolk Community Partnerships Board Member supporting the project:

TBC

8. Give information about match funding here:

Source of match funding:	Funding confirmed?	Amount (£)

Total project / activity cost	£10,800
Total of confirmed match funding	
Total amount of Strategic funding required	£10,800

9. Identify where the Community Partnership Board Strategic Budget will be spent:

Description of activity or item (by who and by when where appropriate)	Cost (£)
The subscription for an e-bike loan for 6 months is £300 (6 months of £50 per month subscription). The funding will cover the subscription on 36 bikes (6 per ward x 6 wards across the two CP areas included in this pilot) for 6 months. In some cases, the subsidy of £50 may be less as someone can afford some but not all of the fee.	£10,800
Total	£10,800

10. How will the project / activity be monitored, and outcomes reported (including project risks)?

Bi-monthly progress reports from Hurrecane and a pre and post survey with recipients of the e-bike loan.

Community Partnership Board Member Declaration:

I confirm that I support this proposal:

Name:

Signature:

Date: INSERT

Lead Organisation Declaration:

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