

Community Partnership Board

Members are invited to a **Meeting of the Community Partnership Board**
to be held on **Monday, 1 March 2021 at 6.00 pm**

The meeting will be facilitated using the Zoom video conferencing system and
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Monday, 7 June 2021 at 6.00 pm

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Community Partnership Board** held via Zoom
on Monday, 7 December 2020 at 6.00pm

Members of the Community Partnership Board present:

Steve Gallant (Chairman of the Community Partnership Board and Leader of East Suffolk Council),
Chris Abraham (Chief Executive of Community Action Suffolk (CAS)),
Paul Ashdown (Chairman of the Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnership),
Jenny Ceresa (Chairman of the Carlton Colville, Kessingland, Southwold and Villages Community Partnership),
Judy Cloke (Chairman of the Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and Villages Community Partnership),
Tony Cooper (Chairman of the Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and Villages Community Partnership),
Kerry Cutler (Superintendent and Southern Area Commander for Suffolk Constabulary),
Louise Hardwick (NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group),
Mark Jepson (Chairman of the Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership),
Michael Ladd (Suffolk County Councillor for the Kessingland and Southwold Division),
Tom McGarry (Head of Stakeholder Engagement for EDF Energy),
Lisa Perkins (Vice Chairman of the Community Partnership Board and Realisation Director for British Telecom),
Carol Poulter (Chairman of the Framlingham, Wickham Market and Villages Community Partnership),
Russ Rainger (Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC))
Paul Sharp (Superintendent and East Suffolk Policing Commander),
Stephen Singleton (Chief Executive for the Suffolk Community Foundation),
Letitia Smith (East Suffolk Council Cabinet Member for Communities, Leisure and Tourism),
Paul West (Suffolk County Councillor for the Bixley Division), and
Roger Wright (Chief Executive, Britten Pears Arts).

Others present:

Sarah Carter (Democratic Services Officer, East Suffolk Council),
Andy Cuthbertson (Communities and VSC Lead for Suffolk County Council),
Luke Bennett (Partnerships Manager, East Suffolk Council),
Nick Khan (Strategic Director, East Suffolk Council),
Alexander Nicholl (Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport, Suffolk County Council)
Ben Porter (Funding Manager, East Suffolk Council),
Nicole Rickard (Head of Communities, East Suffolk Council and NHS Norfolk & Waveney / Ipswich & East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Groups),
Andrew Summers (Strategic Director for Transport East)
Nicola Wotton (Deputy Democratic Services Manager, East Suffolk Council) and
Esme Yuill (Communications Lead for Transport East)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Chris Blundell (Chairman of the Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley Community Partnership), Susan Harvey (Member of the Greenprint Forum) and Tim Passmore (Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk).

Judy Cloke later gave apologies, as she needed to leave at approximately 7.30 pm in order to attend another meeting.

Steve Gallant reminded everyone that the meeting was being broadcast live via the East Suffolk Council YouTube channel.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Steve Gallant presented the Minutes from the last meeting of the Board, which was held on 7 September 2020 and, by consensus, those present confirmed that the minutes were a true record.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on 7 September 2020 be approved as a true record.

3. Report from the Transport Task Group

Steve Gallant invited Nick Khan to introduce the Transport Task Group item.

Nick Khan reported that the Community Partnerships had reviewed their priorities in light of the Covid-19 response and transport issues remained a priority and/or a key element of the discussions in many partnerships, particularly given the links to other areas of activity eg isolation, health and wellbeing, employment and training opportunities and youth activities.

At the 7 September 2020 Community Partnership Board meeting had agreed to:

- Establish a Task Group to work up solutions
- Give the Transport priority substantive focus during the Community Partnership Annual Forum in November 2020
- Consider commissioning some expertise to work with the Board to identify potential 'quick win' transport projects and help local organisations and groups to develop these
- Be prepared to allocate funding from the 2020/21 Community Partnership Board budget to this priority, ringfenced to support local project development and delivery

The Transport Task Group had been created and it consisted of:

Carl Ashton Suffolk County Council, Transport Policy & Development Manager

Luke Bennett	East Suffolk Council, Partnerships Manager
Norman Brooks	East Suffolk Council, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transport
Nick Khan	East Suffolk Council, Strategic Director
Tom McGarry	EDF, Head of Stakeholder Engagement, Sizewell C Nuclear Development
Sarah Mortimer	Community Action Suffolk, Senior Manager Community Engagement
Alexander Nicoll	Suffolk County Council, Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport & Chair of the Local Government Association Public Transport Consortium
Russ Rainger	SALC, Vice Chairman of the Joint East Suffolk Area Forum
Andrew Summers	Transport East, Strategic Director
Tracy Vobe	Suffolk County Council, Head of Passenger Transport

It was noted that the Transport Task Group had met once on 26 October 2020. The Task Group had concluded that a twin track approach to Transport was appropriate, and a suggested way forward was shown below:

Short Term:

- i) Identify, develop and seed/match fund pilots and trial projects to test 'proof of concept' and assess their viability to be scaled up across the area.
- ii) Develop a 3-year transport work programme to be overseen by the Task Group and backed up by:
 - A Programme Manager
 - A programme delivery budget, focused on short-term deliverables as they become identified

Medium – Long term:

- i) Undertake a study of Transport and travel issues & gaps in East Suffolk to provide rigorous data and intelligence on which to base future work.
- ii) Work with strategic partners to redesign parts of the system, and collectively lobby to influence for change.
- iii) Other long-term aspirations as they are identified through the programme.

Nick Khan then invited Andrew Summers, Strategic Director for Transport East, to say a few words. A brief summary of the contents of his presentation are shown below:

- Transport East was one of 7 Sub-national Transport Bodies (STBs),
- Transport East was created in 2018 and covered Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Thurrock and Southend,
- The role of Transport East was to:
 - Develop a transport strategy and priorities to secure investment
 - Speak with one voice for our sub-national area on transport
 - Champion our region
 - Accelerate and improve delivery
 - Work beyond boundaries, across the UK
 - Provide economies of scale for our partners

- Transport East was now developing an ambitious Transport Strategy which would last until 2050. A draft Transport Strategy would go out to public consultation in the summer of 2021.
- Transport East Key Themes were:
 - Global Gateways
 - Multi-Centred Connectivity
 - Energised Coastal and Rural Communities
 - Decarbonisation
- Transport East was already undertaking a wide range of public engagement, including a Public Survey, Thematic Workshops and Partnership Working.
- How could Transport East align with Government Objectives and Promote our Unique Place?

Steve Gallant thanked Andrew Summers for his interesting presentation. Steve Gallant asked Nicola Wotton to circulate the slides to all of the Community Partnership Board members outside of the meeting. He also encouraged all Board members to circulate the slides as they saw fit and encourage people to complete the online survey, as it was important to get a wide range of views and opinions.

Esme Yuill, Communications Lead for Transport East, stated that the East of England was a premier place and East Suffolk should make the most of the Energy Coast and, Sizewell, the Port of Felixstowe and Harwich Port, which was also nearby, the Fishing Industry at Lowestoft and the support to the offshore energy industry that would be provided via Lowestoft Port. There was a huge amount of work going on in this area and it was important that transport development was levelled up across the country.

Stephen Singleton reported that the latest Hidden Needs report covered a wide range of trends for Suffolk. He reported that East Suffolk was particularly affected by poor access to good Broadband. This meant that many residents were disadvantaged, as were unable to access the range of online services that were available. This led to increased isolation, affected businesses and reduced residents access to education and training opportunities.

Michael Ladd queried whether the public engagement would be at an appropriate level, rather than at a strategic level. Reassurance was provided that the presentation this evening had been written with its audience in mind. There would be a clear public communications strategy and also youth engagement, to ensure that all age groups were consulted and their views were taken on board.

Nick Khan thanked Andrew Summers and Esme Yuill for their contribution and it was noted that there was a lot of work ahead, regarding Transport. He then invited Paul West and Alexander Nicholl to give an update on Electric Vehicles.

N.B. Andrew Summers and Esme Yuill left the meeting at this point in the proceedings.

Alexander Nicholl updated Board members on the one year pilot scheme, which would test the viability of a sustainable transport solution involving two 8-seater wheelchair accessible

electric passenger vehicles, operating as a shared taxi, for the residents of Campsea Ashe, Framlingham and Wickham Market. It was noted that the Initial Outcome Proposal was attached as an appendix to the report, which covered how the 'need' had been identified, when the taxis would be available, how to book and the costings etc.

The Board members were pleased by this exciting proposal. Steve Gallant queried how this pilot scheme would be publicised and how Covid-19 would impact upon it. It was reported that there would be a substantial media campaign, particularly focussing upon social media, and all the local Town and Parish Councils would be informed/invited. Local MPs, Dr Dan Poulter and Dr Therese Coffey, would take part in the launch event for the pilot scheme. Signage would be installed in Framlingham about how to access the service, costs etc and precautions would be put in place to ensure compliance with current legislation regarding Covid-19. Alexander Nicholl took the opportunity to thank Carol Poulter for all her support and assistance with developing this pilot scheme. It was noted that usage of the taxis would be closely monitored and having a regular timetable would provide reliability for local residents. Being sustainable was also extremely important and the pilot scheme would involve working with Greater Anglia, so that people could travel home from the station.

Carol Poulter then thanked Alexander Nicholl for his hard work in supporting this pilot scheme and bringing it to fruition. The pilot scheme would be meeting a demonstrable need, as local residents had raised many complaints about the lack of public transport in the area. She felt that this type of pilot scheme, involving a collaboration of organisations including Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council and other groups, would work extremely well.

Nick Khan then invited Tom McGarry to say a few words about the East Suffolk Travel and Transport Improvement Plan. Tom McGarry explained that all 8 Community Partnerships had identified 2 clear priorities at their workshops in 2019. These were Social Isolation and Loneliness and Transport. Since those workshops, further work had been carried out with Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council to identify what transport and access to services data was available for East Suffolk. It was noted that the Community Partnership Forum, which took place in November 2020, had been a rich source of local intelligence on what mattered to our communities, in terms of transport solutions, access to services and barriers to cycling and walking.

Improving transport would benefit all residents in East Suffolk. In particular, it would benefit young people, who would then be able to access training and employment more easily. Older people would benefit too, by being able to access activities and services that were important to them, more easily. Improvements to transport could also encourage more people to take up walking and cycling more often, improving their overall health.

Tom McGarry stated that a further Outcome Proposal form was attached as an appendix to the report, however the key outcomes being proposed were as follows:

- Within 3 months to have developed a 3-year transport and travel work programme that gives a clear focus on how the Community Partnership Board will have an impact;
- Within 6 months to have identified and commissioned short-term deliverables that solve transport and travel challenges in East Suffolk Communities;
- Within 6 months to have studied transport and travel issues and gaps in East Suffolk to provide rigorous data and intelligence on which to base future work.

Tom McGarry reported that EDF were willing to provide in-kind support for this project and would provide a Project Manager for 15 hours per week, from February to July 2021, to assist with this area of work. It was noted that an EDF Analyst, Jack Raven, would be providing this support, which was worth approximately £20,000. Tom McGarry clarified that Jack Raven would be answerable to the Transport Task Group when working on this project.

Board members thanked Tom McGarry, on behalf of EDF, for this generous offer, which was excellent news and would assist greatly with the delivery of the project.

Tom McGarry then updated the Board on EDF's aspiration to lead on developing a hydrogen platform in East Suffolk. This would be an exciting and innovative study into the use of hydrogen, to see if it could be used as a safe and sustainable source of energy. He suggested that the Council may wish to be involved in this study further, and even see if the Council's fleet of vehicles could be run on hydrogen in the future. This was a medium to long term objective for EDF and he stated that the issue could be considered in greater depth by the Transport Task Group in due course.

Steve Gallant commended this innovative approach and he confirmed that East Suffolk Council would be very interested in finding out more about the opportunities that the use of hydrogen could bring.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Task Group takes the role of the Transport Programme Steering Group to problem solve the transport priority on its behalf.
- (b) That the 2 outcome proposals and associated costs be approved:
 - KATCH EV Taxi bus trial - £40,000
 - East Suffolk Travel and Transport Improvement Programme - £80,000
- (c) That a letter of support for the Hydrogen Platform be sent to EDF by Steve Gallant, as Chairman, on behalf of the Community Partnership Board.

4. 2020 Annual Forum Feedback and Outcomes

Steve Gallant reminded the Board that the Community Partnership Annual Forum had taken place virtually, via Zoom, from 2 – 6 November 2020. The Forum had been attended by representatives from our communities, voluntary organisations, community groups, public

services and business, focussing upon the strategic priorities identified by the Board and the individual Community Partnerships.

The Forum had Hosted 10 separate sessions and an 11th additional Fringe Event. There had been 16.5 hours of presentations and discussions, with 208 delegates and 593 individual bookings over the 10 sessions, as the majority of people wanted to attend more than one session. The feedback received about the Forum had been excellent and it was noted that another Forum event was planned for November 2021, this time in person.

Michael Ladd congratulated those involved in arranging the Forum and he queried if some of the Forum sessions in 2021 could also be held virtually, to reduce travel? It was confirmed that this could be looked into.

Chris Abraham commented that the virtual sessions had been very positive and beneficial, but that there is still value in organising the forum as a physical conference again in the future as it has always proved useful to speak with a wide range of stakeholders and raise awareness of what was happening in the District. She felt that this sort of group participation and networking was very beneficial.

Letitia Smith reiterated the benefits of networking, sharing ideas and information, particularly during these unprecedented times.

RESOLVED

- That the update on the 2020 Annual Forum and the feedback from members of the Board be noted.
- A hybrid event, with a combination of physical conference and virtual sessions be explored for next years Forum.

5. Update on Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Priority

Steve Gallant invited Nicole Rickard to present this item.

Nicole Rickard stated that the Community Partnership Board had £150,000 to allocate in 2019/20 and a further £300,000 to allocate in 2020/21. To date, a total of £135,000 had been allocated to projects aimed at tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness. In addition, the Board had allocated £100,000 to the 'Bounce Back Fund' which had strong links to the Isolation and Loneliness theme, as it would be used to enable VCSE groups, including youth groups and community buildings, to recommence their activities safely and securely.

The Board had allocated a total of £90,000 for the Hidden Needs Grants Programme (this was £40,000 from the 2019/20 budget and £50,000 from the 2020/21 budget). This funding had been added to the £60,264 which had been left from the first Phase of the Hidden Needs Grants, which had been funded by the East Suffolk Partnership, and this provided a total funding pot of just over £150,000. Details on the application process and the criteria for funding could be found on the Council's website.

The following Grant Allocations had been made:

Round 1

Wednesday's Child - £9,950

Hour Community, Framlingham – (up to) £7,500
Halesworth Volunteer Centre - £10,000
Seagull Theatre, Pakefield - £9,320
Total for Round 1 = £36,770

Round 2

Rural Coffee Caravan - £3,750
Pathway Care Farm - £5,500
Gatehouse – (up to) £4,500
Greenlight Trust - £6,960
Swell Music - £7,400
Boost - £5,000
Halesworth Volunteer Centre - £10,000
Re-engage - £3,500
Total for Round 2 = £46,610

Nicole Rickard reported that the balance of funding remaining for Round 3, which closed on 15 January 2021, was therefore £66,620.

Nicole Rickard then updated the Board on the Grandpads pilot scheme. A grandpad was a simplified tablet designed for the older user, with larger buttons and speakers, pre-loaded content, easy to navigate operating system and a 24/7 personal help facility. The grandpads would help older people to contact friends and family, reducing isolation, and would also help them to access services. Thanks to sponsorship from the Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG and funding from the Community Partnership Board, there were now 100 grandpads in use in East Suffolk.

Nicole Rickard then updated the Board on the projects which had been supported by the VCSE Bounce Back Fund:

Organisation Name	Funding Awarded
Beccles Sea Cadets	£5,000
Re-Utilise	£1,000
Halesworth Rifle Hall	£3,178
Bungay Black Dog Judo	£4,870
New Cut Arts, Halesworth	£4,150
Seagull Theatre, Pakefield	£4,900
The Art Station, Saxmundham	£3,864
Parham Village Hall	£2,988
ActivLives	£4,521
Inspire Suffolk	£3,927
1st Acton & Waldringfield Scout group	£230
Riding for the Disabled (Woodbridge & District Group)	£2,065
Gunton Baptist Church	£300
Bentwaters Aviation Society	£1,694
Leiston, Saxmundham & District Citizens Advice	£2,857

Apollo Youth Centre	£897
Team Waveney Swimming club	£1,344
Being Well in Suffolk	£2,075
Blythburgh Village Hall	£607
Lowestoft Sea Cadets	£2,461
Saxmundham Town Market Hall Trust Committee	£2,500
Middleton Cum Fordley Parish Council	£500
Siren	£1,645
Westleton Village Hall	£3,000

It was noted that £39,427.53 of the original £100,000 remained in the Bounce Back Fund.

Chris Abraham commented that the funding had been very well received and appreciated and it had helped to build confidence in the smaller organisations to re-open. She thanked the Board for their ongoing support.

Steve Gallant thanked Chris Abraham and Community Action Suffolk for their hard work in supporting smaller voluntary organisations. Letitia Smith commented that she was pleased that funding had been awarded to deserving projects and she thanked the Community Partnership Board for supporting this important area of work.

RESOLVED

That the progress in relation to the three projects that support the delivery of the Social Isolation and Loneliness priority, namely Hidden Needs, Covid Community Funds and Grandpads, and spend to date from the Bounce Back Fund, which delivered against both the Covid Impacts and Isolation and Loneliness priorities, be noted.

N.B. Judy Cloke left the meeting during the discussion of this item, at approximately 7.30pm.

6. Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group Report

Nicole Rickard reported that the Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group first met on 4 August 2020 and a report on the Group's recommendations had been presented to the Board at its meeting on 7 September 2020. A further meeting of the Group took place on 13 October 2020, to consider Priority 3 – Supporting the most vulnerable people and communities.

Nicole Rickard stated that mapping had been undertaken by the Suffolk Office of Data Analytics (SODA) to identify people with multiple vulnerabilities in East Suffolk, namely clinical, social and financial vulnerabilities. That data had showed that there were 66,556 people, or 47,560 households, who had been identified as having one or more vulnerability indicators.

It was noted that those people who had become newly vulnerable, mainly due to the impact of Covid-19, had not been overlooked and they included the following groups:

- on zero hours contracts (immediate loss of income)

- self-employed (many not eligible for Government help, likely to have committed outgoings higher than Universal Credit payment)
- impacted by furloughing (including those eventually made redundant)
- made redundant (particularly those made redundant in March/April who are likely to have exhausted any savings)
- newly unemployed, exhausted savings and unable to reduce outgoings
- claiming Universal Credit for the first time (may be delays in payments)
- those at risk of eviction
- those who were shielding to end of July but may have been unable to return to their role.

The Low Income Family Tracker (LIFT) initiative in East Suffolk, had also been used to identify cohorts of individuals and families who were more likely to slip into crisis during the pandemic. Nicole Rickard reported that it was well known that those members of society who were already deprived were more likely to be impacted by Covid-19, in relation to social mobility, educational attainment and economic resilience.

It was noted that Covid-19 had seen a significant impact on mental health, due to isolation / loneliness, financial hardship, loss of employment and it was anticipated that an 8.1% decline in mental health would take place. Young people seemed to be adversely affected by the pandemic, as one third had stated, as part of a Healthwatch survey, that their mental health was worse following lockdown.

Nicole Rickard reported that there had been a huge increase in welfare support claims and Universal Credit claims had increased by 69.4% between March and April 2020 and many people were claiming benefits for the first time.

In terms of clinical vulnerability, it was noted that overall population health may decline further, if fewer people continue to seek help with their long term conditions. This would then have an impact upon life expectancy gaps between different parts of East Suffolk, which were already significant between some Wards.

The Task and Finish Group had also developed a number of ideas for consideration by the Board, in a table which indicated whether they were long or short term projects and also which age group would benefit from them. They were:

Project	Short Term	Longer Term	Young People	Work Age	Older People
Skills development a) A package of projects to support the upskilling and reskilling of specific groups of people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16-25-year olds (through the YES – see below) • Care Leavers • Older young people (late twenties) • Seasonal workers • Those whose furlough period is ending • Over 55's (link to the East Suffolk volunteering campaign and role of volunteering as a pathway back into work)		*	*	*	*

b) Develop a Kick-Start readiness programme for those young people who aren't quite ready for a 6-month work placement		*	*		
Reducing Frailty c) Explore how to specifically support over 70's to remain active thus reducing deconditioning and frailty – links to the EAST Box project below. This would also help with the management of long-term conditions. d) Build on the BT tech trial for older/vulnerable people to explore how we can support people to be safe at home e.g. checking that they are moving, drinking, accessing the fridge etc.		*			*
Food Poverty e) Use the results of the CAS survey of food banks to understand gaps in East Suffolk and consider additional funding or other support to sustain food banks and food projects e.g. community fridges/pantries/food schemes f) Ensure that those who are newly vulnerable and in need of food bank support have access to Christmas food and treats	*			*	*
EAST (Everyone Active, Supported, Together) Box g) Develop winter activity packs for older people – similar to the Summer in a Box packs for vulnerable young people - to be distributed in January 2021 to 2,000 older, lonely residents (see Outcome Proposal). h) Introduce a 'Buddy Up' system so that each box recipient has a 'buddy' to help and encourage them to use the contents of the box.	*				*
Vulnerability Gaps i) Consider data from the Suffolk Advice Support Service and the Local Welfare Assistance Scheme for East Suffolk to understand what needs are not being met e.g. heating oil and identify who is in most extreme need and what additional support they might need.		*		*	*

Letitia Smith commended the wide range of proposed projects and updated the Board on the proposed EAST Boxes project (Everyone Active, Supported Together). She then shared the proposal that up to £20,000 of funding be allocated to this project which would provide 2,000 boxes of items, to those people over the age of 65, to help encourage them to keep active, be active mentally and to eat well.

Steve Gallant queried whether 2,000 boxes was sufficient and it was confirmed that further discussions could take place if there was additional demand for the EAST boxes. It was noted that these boxes would be crucial to help support older people who were isolated

and/or lonely, to stay well at home over the long winter months, until the vaccine had been rolled out fully.

RESOLVED

- a) That the package of projects identified by the Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group to respond to the Vulnerable People and Places priority identified by the Board at its June meeting be approved.
- b) That the Task and Finish Group and partner organisations develop these projects and report back to the March Board meeting.
- c) That up to £20,000 be allocated towards the EAST Box project (any unspent funding would be returned to the budget) as per the outcome proposal attached to this report as Appendix 2.

7. Community Partnerships Update – Issues and Impact

Steve Gallant invited Letitia Smith to speak on this item.

Letitia Smith reported that she was delighted with the progress made by the 8 Community Partnerships. She noted it had been a very difficult year, however the meetings had still taken place remotely and the CPs had been very proactive.

Letitia Smith provided a re-cap of the budget situation for the Community Partnerships and it was noted that:

- Each Community Partnership had been allocated £10,000 for 2019/20 and £25,000 for 2020/21 (rolled into one fund for 2020/21)
- £280,000 total funding for all Community Partnerships to date.
- £200,000 had been allocated or proposed for community projects and activities
- £79,311 remained to be allocated before 1 April 2021.

It was noted that the Community Partnerships had held workshops in October and November 2019, which had been data-led and the priorities for each partnership had been agreed. The Partnerships had then held one meeting prior to going into lockdown in March 2020, therefore the amount they had achieved, since then, had been remarkable.

Steve Gallant echoed Letitia's comments and he was pleased that there had been a successful roll out of the Community Partnerships across the district. He thanked the Chairmen, CP members, officers and partner organisations for their support and hard work in making the Partnerships a success.

The Community Partnership Chairmen were then invited to give an update on the work of their Partnerships:

Tony Cooper reported that a further £5,400 had been allocated by the Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and Villages CP at their recent meeting on 4 December 2020. He felt that the Partnership was doing well and making a difference.

Paul Ashdown reported that the Lowestoft and Northern Parishes CP had £6,656 yet to allocate. He queried if the CPs would be having further workshops in which to review the CP priorities? Steve Gallant reported that the CPs were to decide on their individual priorities. If their priority remained, they should continue their efforts until that issue was no longer a priority. Paul Ashdown commented that one of their priorities had been to reduce Childhood Obesity and it was acknowledged that this would be a long term priority as the results would take some time to take effect.

Jenny Ceresa reported that £800 had recently been allocated to the 'Sloppy Slippers' project for the Carlton Colville, Kessingland, Southwold and Villages CP. This would raise awareness on the need for sensible footwear to try and reduce the amount of elderly people falling or tripping due to wearing loose slippers. It was noted that £5,000 had also been allocated towards 'Talking Benches' which would provide places for people to meet up and chat, in a socially distanced way (the benches were 2m long to facilitate this). £2,325 had also been allocated to the 'Voice of a Friend' project, which was delivered by Citizens Advice and was set up by the Lowestoft and Northern Parishes CP. Work was also continuing on developing a Small Grants Scheme.

Carol Poulter took the opportunity to thank Nicola Jenner, her Communities Officer, for all of her hard work and support. Her CP had been working on a wide range of worthwhile but challenging projects, which would make a real difference to local residents. The largest amount of funding had been allocated to the East Coast EV Taxi Bus Pilot, which had already been mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Mark Jepson reported that things were progressing well at the Felixstowe Peninsula CP. A number of projects had been agreed and £5,000 of funding remained to be allocated.

Nicole Rickard then provided an update on the Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and Villages CP, on behalf of Judy Cloke who had left the meeting slightly earlier. She reported that the CP had agreed to a number of small projects, including a Small Grants Scheme and the applications for that would close in January 2021. The CP was due to meet again on 1 February 2021 to consider another proposal which would allocate the majority of their remaining funding.

Letitia Smith commented that the CP Chairs were passionate, enthusiastic and had taken ownership of areas to get the very best results for their residents. She thanked them for their hard work and also thanked officers and Democratic Services for their support in facilitating the meetings.

Steve Gallant reported that he was proud of the excellent work that was taking place and he thanked all those involved in making the Community Partnerships such a success.

RESOLVED

That the Community Partnerships Update be received.

8. Future Work Plan

Steve Gallant suggested to the following future items of business for the next Community Partnership Board meeting in March 2021:

- To receive an update from the Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group and to allocate the remaining £40,000.
- To review the work of the Community Partnership Board after its first year – what has worked well, how the funding has been allocated, any lessons learned and possible issues to consider at future meetings.

There were no further items from any other members of the Board.

RESOLVED

- (a) That an update from the Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group would be provided to the March 2021 Board meeting and that the remaining £40,000 of funding would be allocated following the recommendations made by the Covid Impacts T&F Group.
- (b) That the work of the Community Partnership Board would be reviewed at the March 2021 Board meeting, on its first anniversary, to see what has worked well, how the funding has been allocated, any lessons learned and possible issues to consider at future meetings.

9. Dates of Next Meetings

The following dates for future Community Partnership Board meetings were agreed by consensus:

RESOLVED

Monday, 1 March 2021 at 6.00pm
Monday, 7 June 2021 at 6.00pm
Monday, 6 September 2021 at 6.00pm
Monday, 6 December 2021 at 6.00pm

10. Any Other Business

There being no items to be raised under any other business.

Steve Gallant thanked everyone for attending and participating in this meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.04 pm

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Chairman



East Suffolk Community Partnership Board
Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group Report
March 1, 2021

Introduction and Background

1. The Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group has now met three times since it was formed - in August and October 2020 and, most recently, on February 5th, 2021. At its February meeting, the group reviewed all the material considered at its previous meetings about the impacts of Covid-19 in East Suffolk. This is summarised in the table attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
2. The table identifies different types of vulnerability as a result of Covid-19, provides a description/context for each, summarises existing activity and then outlines additional activity that could be supported by the Board.

Task and Finish Group Proposals

3. The Task and Finish Group focussed on the additional projects/activity and prioritised them in terms of potential funding from the Community Partnership Board. There were five categories:
 - Priority for funding for 2020/21 i.e. the balance currently left in the budget
 - Priority for funding in 2021/22
 - Existing CPB projects that would benefit from additional funding
 - Projects where it was felt that there were alternative sources of funding
 - Projects which do not require funding at this point
4. There were a number of projects that were seen as a priority by the Task and Finish Group but, given the proximity to the end of the financial year, have been identified as a priority for Quarter 1 of 2021/22. These projects will be developed further over the next three months and presented to the June meeting of the Board in the form of outcome proposals. These are as follows:
 - A package of activity around employment support and skills development, including volunteering as a pathway to work and skills development for specific target groups
 - Additional debt support work to supplement the SASS service offer
 - Additional funding for the Student Life Peer to Peer Mental Health First Aid project
 - Package of projects to reduce frailty and vulnerability in older people at home, including through digital support

5. The Task and Finish Group noted that there are five projects that have been funded by the Community Partnership Board over the last 18 months that would all benefit from additional funding:
 - VCSE Bounce Back Fund
 - Hidden Needs (Social Isolation and Loneliness) Fund
 - Grandpads – simplified tablets aimed at older people
 - East (Everyone Active, Supported, Together) Bags
 - Extend the East Suffolk Youth Employment Service (YES)
6. There are a number of projects that the Board identified as a priority, but which require staff resources, rather than financial resources, to implement. These include:
 - Three campaigns
 - ‘Deal with debt’
 - Ensure that people are accessing the support that is available to them through sources such as the Local Welfare Assistance Scheme and Suffolk Advice and Support Service
 - Promoting volunteering as one of the ‘5 Ways to Wellbeing’
 - East Suffolk ‘employment gateway’ website
 - Work with SODA to update our vulnerability mapping and further work to target support to vulnerable families using the Low-Income Family Tracker (LIFT) software.
7. The Group also identified projects where they thought that there were better sources of funding than the Community Partnership Board:
 - Tablets for Covid patients in Ipswich and James Paget hospitals
 - Additional laptops for children and young people to supplement the school’s provision through Suffolk County Council
 - New Volunteer Suffolk portal.
8. Of the three projects that the Task and Finish Group identified as priorities for funding in the current financial year, the first – Domestic Abuse Community Champion training, aimed at community response groups and Good Neighbour Schemes (and anyone else out and about in communities) – is being developed as an East Suffolk pilot with existing funding through Suffolk Public Sector leaders so no funding is required from the Board although it will be developed under the Community Partnership and Community Safety Partnership umbrella.
9. The second project builds on a new initiative developed by Community Action Suffolk and is focussed around providing additional capacity in East Suffolk to identify, train and support a network of Covid-Support, Community and Digital Buddies through a programme called ‘Buddy Up’. The total cost of this project is £14,747 and the ask from the Board is £10,369. The details of the project are set out in the East Suffolk Buddy Up outcome proposal attached as Appendix 2 to this report.
10. Finally, the Task and Finish Group recommends that the balance of funding be allocated to two existing projects – the Grandpads project and the Bounce Back fund as a ‘top up’

to the funding already provided by the Board for these two projects to meet the huge demand for both of these projects. The outcome proposals for these projects have been considered and agreed by the Board at previous meetings.

11. It is proposed that £11,500 be allocated to lease a further 10 Grandpads for 2 years for East Suffolk residents, given that demand for these simplified tablets is outstripping supply and that there is clearly huge unmet demand in the District without, to date, any direct promotion to potential recipients and their friends and families. This would bring the total number of Grandpads in the District to 140 (jointly funded by the Board, East Suffolk Council and Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG). Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG has also funded 15 Grandpads specifically for people with Learning Disabilities and we are currently exploring their use for cancer patients with Norfolk and Waveney CCG.
12. It is proposed that the remaining balance of £20,131 be added to the current £125,0000 pot for the Bounce Back Fund (which includes the £100,000 contribution already provided by the Board and £25,000 provided by East Suffolk Council). This will ensure that this vital support for community organisations extends further into the 2021/22 financial year. The aim of this funding is to enable community organisations in the District to 'open up' (once it is safe to do so) by helping them to access the equipment, PPE and resources to enable them to resume their activities confidently and safely. The demand for this fund is high – as reported to the last meeting of the Board - with over £100,000 of the current £125,000 pot allocated to a range of community groups including community buildings, organisations involving volunteers, youth groups, arts and sports groups.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- a) consider the table attached as Appendix 1 which provide an overview of existing and potential responses to the impacts of Covid-19 in East Suffolk
- b) mandate the Task and Finish Group and partner organisations to develop the projects identified as a priority for 2021/22 funding from the Community Partnership Board and bring outcome proposals back to the June Board meeting
- c) allocate £10,369 towards the Buddy Up project as per the outcome proposal attached to this report as Appendix 2
- d) allocate the remaining £31,631 in the budget to the Grandpads project (£11,500) and the Bounce Back Fund (£20,131)

Nicole Rickard, Head of Communities

East Suffolk Council, on behalf of the Task and Finish Group

COVID IMPACTS AND VULNERABILITY IN EAST SUFFOLK

Vulnerability Type	Description/Context	What is already happening?	What else could the Community Partnership Board do?
Digital Exclusion	Some individuals in East Suffolk are becoming more excluded due to lack of access to digital technology and/or Wi-Fi connectivity, particularly children/young people without access to laptop/PC/tablet to do schoolwork and older people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Suffolk Grandpads project – funding for 100 simplified tablets for older people without a laptop/PC/tablet and Wi-Fi. £25,000 investment from the CPB, £25,000 from ESC and £50,000 from Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG. Additional funding for 30 devices for CEV individuals, 15 for Learning Disability (IESCCG) • Voice cCloud free digital support to enable people to get online (on their own devices or Grandpads) and access services, activities and support – funded through the Covid-19 Community fund • COMF funding used to supplement the DfE funding to schools to enable access to children and young people that do not otherwise have a suitable device to help them engage in education, training and to stay in touch with supporting services • Individual ESC Councillor Enabling Communities Budgets (and SCC Locality Budgets) used to fund laptops for school children • Unlimited mobile data for EE and BT customers to support education. Can be accessed by applying through their school and will enable children access to any online educational resources they need. For more details and teacher application portal, here: https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/ • Suffolk Digital Inclusion Workstream and project proposals around a Digital Champions Network with local authority and VSCE partners across Suffolk. This network would support staff and volunteers to 	<p>Priority for potential funding 20/21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Champions in East Suffolk (COMF-funded) through existing community groups especially in rural villages <p>Priority for potential funding 21/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the Voice cCloud programme to support families to use new school IT equipment (as well as older people who they are currently working with) <p>Existing projects (could need £)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further expand the Grandpad programme. Funding in place for 45 more, with bids for another 20 pending to Lowestoft Charity, 100 (Suffolk wide) to the Covid Outbreak Management Fund COMF and 100 (Suffolk wide) to national NHS pot <p>Other sources of funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund tablets for our hospitals to enable people to Facetime family whilst in hospital • Fund additional laptops for vulnerable young people to access schoolwork where demand outstrips supply <p>No funding required - None</p>

		upskill and train as digital champions in order provide a one to one approach in helping people to get online. Device to Your Door (Suffolk Libraries)	
Financial	Increasing levels of debt and financial insecurity as a result of employment changes e.g. redundancy, furlough, business losses. Importance of helping those on low income to maximise their current income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Citizens Advice and ESC campaign – Money Matters - to encourage people to seek help as early as possible if they are worried about meeting their outgoings or emerging debt • Over £200k core ESC funding for the three East Suffolk Citizens Advice in 2021/22 and c£40,000 SCC funding • Low Income Family Tracker (LIFT) project to help people to maximise benefits • Suffolk Advice and Support Service (SASS) to provide information and advice about benefits, employment, housing and debt • £1.5 million Local Welfare Assistance Scheme - help with furniture, white goods, food and fuel • £2 million Winter Payments Fund for food, utilities and keeping warm • Warm Homes, Healthy People aimed at those on low income (homeowners or private rent) – offer includes first time central heating, fuel payments, loan heaters, draught proofing for those who are negatively impacted by their living environment • £50k Suffolk fund for individuals affected by Covid-19 (Winter Payments) for utilities, heating, things to keep people warm 	<p>Priority for potential funding 20/21 - None</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority for potential funding 21/22 Additional funding for a tailored debt advice programme through the Citizens Advice Network/SASS <p>Existing projects (could need £) - None</p> <p>Other sources of funding - None</p> <p>No funding required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted promotion of existing sources of support e.g. LWAS and SASS to ensure that we reach the right people and reach into communities • Encourage East Suffolk gateway organisations to pro-actively refer people into the LWAS scheme • Follow up Citizens Advice campaign to encourage people to ‘Deal with Debt’ • Further LIFT campaigns/work
Economic	Increasing unemployment, with particular sections of the population (20-34-year olds, over 50’s) and sectors (hospitality, SME’s, self-employed) hardest hit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kickstart provides funding to create new job placements for 16-24-year olds on Universal Credit and at risk of long-term unemployment • East Suffolk Youth Employment Service delivered by Inspire Suffolk operating effectively virtually and supporting 16-24-year olds to access 	<p>Priority for potential funding 20/21 – None</p> <p>Priority for potential funding 21/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills development programme with a specific focus on tailoring provision to specific groups - care leavers, 16-24-year olds, 25-34-year olds, 35 to 54 year olds,

	<p>Increase in low skill, low wage and zero hours jobs. People who have been shielding may be unable to return to their previous employment.</p> <p>Infection and death rates are much higher in the 'Caring Leisure and other Service' and 'Elementary Occupation' employment categories</p>	<p>education, employment, training, volunteering and work</p>	<p>seasonal workers, those whose furlough is ending and over 55's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential CAS employability project focussing on volunteering as a route to employment. Build on the current ES Volunteering Campaign and include mentoring for young people aged 16-24 from Volunteering Matters. • IT Equipment for the Felixstowe Community Training Hub <p>Existing projects (could need £)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build upon and extend the Youth Employment Service offer <p>Other sources of funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Volunteer Suffolk portal – Be Collective - which enables people to develop a social CV that demonstrates the experience and skills gained from volunteering to help with getting into employment. <p>No funding required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Suffolk 'employment support gateway' to help people to find the right information about work, training, apprenticeships and volunteering
Deprivation	<p>Different geographies have different rates of Covid-19 and underlying risk factors for catching and having</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Inequality Toolkit developed and focus of 2020 Suffolk Public Health Report • Bid for Economies and Health Programme Funding to be submitted end January 2021 focussing on Lowestoft (led by SCC Public Health) 	<p>Priority for potential funding 20/21 - None</p> <p>Priority for potential funding 21/22 - None</p> <p>Existing projects (could need £) - None</p> <p>Other sources of funding - None</p>

	<p>serious outcomes from Covid-19.</p> <p>Tables showing the rate of deaths from the virus directly correlate to the level of deprivation i.e. the least deprived 20% are least likely to die from Covid-19 and vice versa.</p> <p>This is due to increased Exposure (long hours worked with limited social distancing in public facing roles), Transmission (areas of higher population density, household overcrowding, challenges isolating), Susceptibility (living conditions and stress) and Vulnerability (health conditions, disability)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted Engaged Communities Funding to reach specific communities re Covid, including Lowestoft • Funding bid to SPSL to extend the SFF Family Intervention Officers at ESC to cover the Waveney/Lowestoft area • Links to the National Literacy programme in Suffolk • Lowestoft Town Deal 	<p>No funding required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Economies and Health programme bid for Lowestoft
Left Behind	<p>Certain groups within our communities have been particularly impacted by the three national lockdowns and are in danger of being 'left behind' when things start opening up again – this includes the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV), carers, people with dementia, people with learning disabilities, frail</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Suffolk Advice and Support Service (SASS) was set up through the CCB to support the newly vulnerable • Winter Grants payments to support vulnerable families and individuals • Keep Moving Suffolk website - resources, ideas, tips, useful links and positive stories to encourage people to stay active during these unprecedented times. • ESC Digital workstream focussing on new technology to reduce vulnerability • BME Communication Task and Finish Group formed 	<p>Priority for potential funding 20/21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolation Buddies could be developed to be Community Buddies – to help those left behind to access support and their local community. <p>Priority for potential funding 21/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop projects to reduce frailty and reduce vulnerability in older people at home, including using technology – linked to work in the INTs in the south of the District and the BT technology trial

	<p>older people, looked after children and care leavers. There are also challenges getting key messages into some minority communities in Suffolk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are We Missing? Workshops led by I and ES CCG led by and for the BAME community • Free youth work training offer (Level 2/Level 3) funded through the ESP • Suffolk Says Thanks and the Take 5 booklets aimed at supporting the 5 ways to wellbeing 	<p>Existing projects (could need £) - None</p> <p>Other sources of funding - None</p> <p>No funding required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with SODA to update the '3 Vulnerabilities' mapping, focussing on Clinical, Social and Financial vulnerability, to identify key cohorts who are likely to be most vulnerable • Emerging project focussed on low income families in the Aldeburgh, Leiston and Saxmundham Community Partnership area
<p>Isolation and Loneliness</p>	<p>Linked to the above, there are significant numbers of people who are feeling lonely in their own homes. They can't see friends and family, the groups that they used to attend are not operating and they may not be able to access support online due to digital exclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing work to identify needs through Home But Not Alone proactive and reactive calls • Hidden Needs Grant Programme to support projects to reduce isolation and loneliness. 12 projects supported to date, totalling £83,380. £66,620 remaining for Round 3. £100,000 investment from the CPB over 2 years • £20,000 of CPB funding for 2019/20 rolled into the Covid-19 Community Fund – more than 80 projects supported with over £130,000 funding • Almost £10,000 investment in befriending support to reduce social isolation and loneliness through 'Voice of a Friend' in Lowestoft from the Lowestoft and Northern Parishes CP. Extended with funding from the Carlton Colville, Kessingland and Southwold CP to cover this CP area • 'EAST Bag' – 2,000 support packs for older people living alone (or caring for others) and likely to be isolated/lonely - focussed three themes i) eating well, ii) keeping active and iii) active minds, 	<p>Priority for potential funding 20/21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddy Up – Community Buddies to go that step further to help those most lonely to re-engage – link to Good Neighbour Schemes, Meet Up Monday, arts and crafts, social activities etc <p>Priority for potential funding 21/22 – None</p> <p>Existing projects (could need £)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional East Bags for the District • Additional Hidden Needs Grant funding for Social Isolation and Loneliness projects • Compassionate Communities projects and work around bereavement <p>Other sources of funding - None</p> <p>No funding required</p>

		<p>supported by a 'Buddy Up' system to encourage them to use the contents. £20,000 CPB funding, matched by Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-Isolation Buddies programme led by CAS funded through COMF will have a specialist worker to reach these communities and help those with additional challenges and barriers to self-isolate and re-engage with their community. Compassionate Communities projects in conjunction with St Elizabeth's Hospice Bereavement support from CRUSE Bereavement Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Build Back entry under Voluntary Sector and Community Groups – support village halls, community groups etc to get back on their feet to support vital social connections activities Projects to build on individual's connections from the support they received during COVID and increase and sustain the good neighbourliness we have witnessed
Mental III Health	<p>Everyone's mental health has been impacted during the pandemic, but some groups have been particularly impacted, including young people, young adults, women and those with existing conditions. VCSE organisations working in mental health are seeing huge increases in demand for support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust First Response – 0808 1963494 - 24/7 mental health helpline www.wellbeingnands.co.uk Youth Voice identified that young people want more counsellors in schools and on the internet to provide mental health support Mental health support and advice from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WHO mentalhealth.org.uk Ipswich & East CCG Living Life To The Full NHS Practitioner Wellbeing Samaritans Suicide Prevention Training 	<p>Priority for potential funding 20/21 – None</p> <p>Priority for potential funding 21/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for Student Life peer to peer Mental Health First Aid programme in additional schools in East Suffolk. Explore the idea of a mentor for the organisation to support business planning <p>Existing projects (could need £) – None</p> <p>Other sources of funding – None</p> <p>No funding required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteering as a '5 ways to wellbeing' theme – continued programme to raise profile and benefits of volunteering
Health conditions	<p>People with certain underlying health conditions, like being clinically extremely vulnerable, diabetes, hypertension and obesity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shaping Places programme in Lowestoft focussing on environmental influences on activity in deprived communities 	<p>Priority for potential funding 20/21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Buddies to help people stay well while waiting for surgery, medical intervention etc.

	<p>have a greater risk of mortality from Covid-19. We know that some people have stopped exercising completely and others are exercising less than they were prior to March 2020, which is likely to impact on long term health conditions</p> <p>Activity levels in young people have dropped significantly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resistance Bands and cards – distributed by Public Health and in the East Bags - Buddy up volunteers supporting with their use Active Suffolk Active Schools model now to be delivered in targeted areas (based on activity levels, IMD, childhood obesity, % Free School meals, Primary Premium mapping etc.) including the 19 Primary Schools and 4 Secondary Schools in Lowestoft from April Generic Active Suffolk offer to all schools - School Games, Active Lives Survey, Topleader – Young Leader programme, PE Premium support and CPD learning events Stepping Home (IESCCG area) to help people to stay healthy at home or avoid DTOC's if in hospital 	<p>Priority for potential funding 21/22 - None</p> <p>Existing projects (could need £) - None</p> <p>Other sources of funding - None</p> <p>No funding required - None</p>
Welfare and Housing	<p>There has been a huge increase in the number of people claiming Universal Credit, many for the first time, due to changes in employment including redundancy.</p> <p>This will have an impact in terms of demand for housing and help to access food and pay for fuel.</p> <p>Financial challenges and insecurity in turn will lead to housing insecurity and it is likely that more people will be living in rented, overcrowded housing, changing the local housing market</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of the new Suffolk Welfare Assistance Scheme, which provides furniture, white goods, food and fuel voucher to enable gas and electricity card/key top-ups and Suffolk Advice and Support Service (delivered through Citizens Advice) through the Collaborative Communities Board SCC funding of up to £250,000 made available to support food banks, including food supply from FareShare and Food Banks Officer in post Work to tackle food poverty in East Suffolk through support to a range of food projects including community pantries and a potential community supermarket through the Food Network ESC is working with the Lowestoft Food Bank to secure alternative premises when the current lease comes to an end 	<p>Priority for potential funding 20/21 - None</p> <p>Priority for potential funding 21/22 - None</p> <p>Existing projects (could need £) - None</p> <p>Other sources of funding - None</p> <p>No funding required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue work to identify those who are most vulnerable and in need additional support, including by using data from LIFT, LWAS and SASS and the SODA Vulnerability mapping (see above) to identify gaps and unmet needs Work with SCC to identify and meet food bank infrastructure needs Further work using LIFT, including Discretionary Housing Payments, Transfer to Universal Credit and Free School Meals, Private Renters

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding provided to food banks through the East Suffolk Covid-19 Community Funds Use of the East Suffolk Low Income Family Tracker (LIFT) to identify and support vulnerable individuals and families (during both lockdown and recovery) 	
Crime	District Councils, Police and partners are seeing increased levels of anti-social behaviour. Domestic Violence levels are increasing, with spikes post-lockdowns and increasing concerns about safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. There are scams related to the pandemic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suffolk Domestic Abuse 24/7 Helpline – Freephone 0800 977 5690 	<p>Priority for potential funding 20/21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic Abuse training for community volunteers <p>Priority for potential funding 21/22 - None Existing projects (could need £) - None Other sources of funding - None No funding required - None</p>
Voluntary Sector, Charities, Community groups and Covid response groups	Voluntary and community sector organisations have been hit hard by the pandemic – both those providing essential services and those involved in preventative work. Many are struggling to cover core costs such as buildings and staffing. Some have experienced a loss of volunteers – particularly older volunteers. Some groups and community buildings are concerned about being able to open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £100,000 of CPB funding (and £25,000 ESC funding) for the new Bounce Back Fund to help VCSE organisations to open back up safely and/or transition to new ways of working – focus on community buildings, youth groups and organisations that involve volunteers Suffolk Community Foundation Reviving Our Community Fund - grant funding from the National Lottery and the Department for Culture, Media & Sport to support the work of grassroots organisations open to all charitable and community groups, including Social Enterprises Suffolk Build Back programme including engagement with VCSE organisations to identify key barriers and challenges and Suffolk Says Welcome Back campaign 	<p>Priority for potential funding 20/21 - None Priority for potential funding 21/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pot of funding to address any East Suffolk issues arising from the Build Back work? <p>Existing projects (could need £)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional funding into the Bounce Back pot <p>Other sources of funding - None No funding required - None</p>

	<p>back up safely and groups/hubs supporting young people are being particularly impacted. These local, district and county-wide VCSE organisations are essential to supporting all the vulnerable groups identified above</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESP funded Business Planning support for VCSE groups • Refresh of the Suffolk Volunteering Strategy and development of an East Suffolk Volunteering Campaign (led by CAS), including Volunteer Passport (originally ESP funded), Introduction to Volunteering and focus on volunteering as a pathway to work. £6,000 CPB funding • Individual CP grant schemes to support VCS capacity / community hubs / local community-based projects / mental health first aid etc • Ongoing work with Covid-19 community response groups, including to fill the gaps e.g. parts of Lowestoft • Enabled community response groups with grants from the ESC Covid Community Fund – more than £130,000 allocated • SCC has made a pot of funding available through its Engaged Communities workstream for VCSE organisations to work with specific communities/specific places in Suffolk, currently Polish, Arabic, Lithuanian, Portuguese, Chinese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Bangladeshi, French, Kurdish, Urdu, Pashto, Roma speaking, Gypsy Traveller, Care Leaver, Homeless and Sofa Surfing, Parent Carer, LGBTQI+, Learning Disability, In Care, Supplementary Schools, African and Afro Caribbean, Home Schooling, Lowestoft and Ipswich communities 	
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Initial Outcome Proposal to the East Suffolk Community Partnership Board - FY2020/21

(Stage 1 Proposal)

1. Key outcome(s)

Please detail the KEY OUTCOME(S) (Measurable and time specific) the proposal is looking to achieve:

- East Suffolk residents feel more confident about participating in local groups and activities when it is safe for them to do so (Community Buddies)
- East Suffolk groups feel confident about opening back up and providing services, activities and social opportunities for residents (Community Buddies)
- East Suffolk residents are supported to stay well and active in their homes/communities, avoiding hospital admissions (Community Buddies)
- East Suffolk residents feel less isolated and lonely (Community Buddies)
- East Suffolk residents are supported and encouraged to access digital technology (Digital Buddies, Covid-Support and Community Buddies)
- The skills of existing East Suffolk volunteers will be enhanced
- New people will be attracted to volunteering, including as a pathway to work

2. How has the need been identified?

The need for this project has been identified through a range of different sources, including the East Suffolk Community Partnership Board Covid-19 Impacts Task and Finish Group. It builds upon a project developed by Community Action Suffolk called 'Covid-Support Buddies' which has been funded through the Covid Outbreak Management Fund to provide wraparound support from a local 'buddy' to people who are at risk of catching or transmitting the virus because they have tested positive for Covid-19, been on close proximity to someone who has, are clinically extremely vulnerable or struggling with the impact of loneliness and isolation.

The Board has previously identified as a priority to the need to both support community groups to open back up and to support and encourage local residents to attend in the knowledge that it is safe. The Board therefore agreed £100,000 of funding for the Bounce Back Fund which has proved a big success and has supported a number of community buildings, youth groups, sports groups and groups aimed at older people to plan for opening back up again.

The Board has also prioritised digital support for residents, both through our Grandpads and through support from the Covid-19 Community Fund for VoiceCloud who have been helping people to get online using their own kit.

Evidence shows that Covid-19 is likely to have a lasting legacy in terms of deterioration of long term health conditions. The Board has funded East Bags, which include resistance bands and exercise cards to encourage people to stay active in lockdown or shielding. However some residents may need additional support to use this equipment and to more generally keep well, particularly in advance of planned procedures that may have been postponed several times.

3. Who will benefit from the outcomes?

Beneficiaries include a range of residents of East Suffolk who need support with isolation/loneliness, keeping active and well and accessing digital technology. The project will

also benefit existing and new volunteers who will gain new skills and have the opportunity to take on additional roles as 'buddies'.

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

The intention is to build the capacity of existing Covid-19 community response groups and Good Neighbour Schemes to become buddies. These buddies will receive a range of training related to their chosen buddy role or roles. This capacity will therefore be generated and retained in communities beyond the life of the funded project. However we see this as a pilot for a wider piece of work in East Suffolk.

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

East Suffolk Buddy Up

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

(up to 200 words):

The East Suffolk Buddy Up programme will build on the Suffolk model designed and delivered by Community Action Suffolk which in turn emerged from the This Community Can programme. CAS are recruiting three members of staff to lead on their Isolation Buddies programme- one to work across Suffolk, one to focus on BAME and hard to reach communities and a legacy officer. All of these roles are linked to the Covid Outbreak Management Fund ambition to limit the transmission of Covid-19 by supporting people to stay well. The model involves the recruitment of Covid-Support Buddies, initially from Good Neighbour Schemes and mutual aid/Covid response groups.

The East Suffolk programme will augment this model by providing additional capacity to focus on recruiting, training and supporting the following Buddies (this list may be expanded):

- **Community Buddies**
 - to help reduce levels of isolation and loneliness
 - to encourage and support people to have the confidence to return to community groups and activities once it is safe to do so and to support community buildings and groups leaders to understand how they can open back up safely
 - to support people to stay well and active at home and in their community – for example to exercise, maintain mobility and reduce frailty
- **Digital Buddies/Champions** who are trained to support people to use digital technology – these are not experts but someone with basic skills who can help people to get online and access social activities/events as well as services.

These roles are not exclusive, in fact we would encourage Covid-Support and Community Buddies to be Digital Champions to reach more people who would benefit from support to use digital technology. Older people in particular are more likely to accept support with tech from a known and trusted person.

The aim is to support people to stay well and connected during the response phase of Covid-19 and then to support people to re-connect with community groups, activities and facilities during the Covid-19 recovery phase.

Project / activity START DATE: 04/21 END DATE: 03/22

7. Who is involved?

Who is involved in developing this outcome proposal?

Project / activity lead: CAS/ESC


Community Action Suffolk East Suffolk Council Who will deliver the project/activity? Community Action Suffolk Name of East Suffolk Community Partnerships Board Member supporting the project:	Name: Sally Connick Organisation: Community Action Suffolk Telephone: Email: sally.connick@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk Name: Chris Abraham
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8. Give information about match funding here:		
Source of match funding:	Funding confirmed?	Amount (£)
Match funding will be included in individual projects		
1.5hrs per week of Officer time, office space, laptop, mobile phone	Yes	3378
Community Circles Training	yes	1000

Total project / activity cost	14746.16
Total of confirmed match funding	4378
Total amount of Strategic funding required	10368.16

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 (£)
Staff Costs	5858.16
Other Staff Costs (training, travel)	300
Core Costs	750
Marketing	500
Volunteer Training	2960

10. How will the project / activity be monitored, and outcomes reported (including project risks)?
<p>The programme will be overseen by Community Action Suffolk and East Suffolk Council and link to the wider Suffolk Isolation Buddies Programme. It has close links to the Bounce Back Fund and to the digital projects that the Board has supported as well as to the revised Volunteering Strategy for Suffolk and specific East Suffolk Volunteering campaign.</p> <p>Outcomes will be reported to the Board on a regular basis.</p>

Community Partnership Board Member Declaration:
<p>I confirm that I support this proposal:</p> <p>Name: Christine Abraham</p> <p>Signature: </p>

Date: 15/2/2021

Please submit this proposal to the Funding Team at grants@eastsuffolk.gov.uk Hard copies can be submitted and returned to: Funding Team, East Suffolk Council, East Suffolk House, Station Road, Melton, Woodbridge, IP12 1RT.

1. Budget:

- £280,000 total funding for all Community Partnerships to date
- £33,993.81 remaining to be allocated before April 2021

2. Activity:

Community Partnership	CP Priorities (Having been reviewed considering Covid-19)	Working arrangement i) CP Meetings scheduled ii) Chair / Vice Chair iii) Task & Finish Groups / other activity	Impact / Spend [NB: due to exceptional circumstances caused by Lockdown all CP's that had underspend last FY have rolled into one fund to allocate by end FY 2020-21]
Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and villages	Focus has shifted to the next 3 key priorities identified at the Community Partnership's Workshop in November 2019 (to reflect Covid-19 response): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education, Opportunities and Aspirations • Reduce social isolation and loneliness – particularly carers, older people, and men 40+ • Encourage and enable everyone to be more physically active and healthy 	i) MEETING DATES & PAPERS ii) Chair: Tony Cooper Vice Chair: TJ Haworth-Culf ii) TASK & FINISH GROUP(S): i) Reduce social isolation and loneliness, & ii) Education, opportunities, and aspirations [Priority 3 – encourage and enable everyone to be more physically active and healthy runs through both T&F groups]. Community Grant Scheme launch 11th January 2021	1. £3,024: Economic Regeneration of Sax High Street 2. £5,000: Community Grant Scheme 3. £9,350: Community Art Project 4. £5,400: Dementia Project Proposal awaiting approval for 2020-21: 5. £7,500: Young People Project £3,726 remaining this financial year
Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and villages	Priorities reviewed and stay the same: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active and sustainable transport solutions / community transport • Reduce social isolation and loneliness • Improve wellbeing and enable people to live healthy lives 	i) MEETING DATES & PAPERS ii) Chair: Judy Cloke Vice Chair: Caroline Topping TASK & FINISH GROUP(S) A T&F group to form a Small Grants Scheme to allow groups/organisations from the whole CP area to apply for funding which could enable activities/projects to start up again or new initiatives to begin to meet local needs.	1. £3,250: Reclaiming Bungay's Old Cemetery 2. £3,250: Bringing a piece of land back into a community growing space in Beccles 3. £1,500: Open access Free school summer holiday activities for young people (9-16 years) (Delayed start till next year) 4. £10,000 to fund small grants scheme £17,000 remaining this financial year Deadline for the Small Grants Scheme was 4th January – 13 applications were received. 7 were approved on conditions, 2 applications need to provide further clarification on their costs before a final decision on the project is made

<p>Carlton Colville, Kessingland, Southwold and villages</p>	<p>Priorities reviewed and stay the same:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active and sustainable transport provision, particularly rural • Reduce social isolation and loneliness • Facilities, activities, and employment for young people 	<p>i) <u>MEETING DATES & PAPERS</u></p> <p>i) Chair: Jenny Ceresa Vice Chair: Michael Ladd</p> <p>TASK & FINISH GROUP(S): A T&F group has been set up to address the priority to reduce social isolation and loneliness.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £2,000: Community café at Carlton Colville Hub. 2. £2,000: Detached Youth with Carlton Colville Parish Council. 3. £1,750: The Loft Youth Centre 4. £2,000: Kessingland Parish Council new youth café 5. £2,250 Research into provision for young people across the patch. [on hold due to the Covid, proposal yet to be approved]. 6. Sloppy Slippers 50 pairs = £800 7. Talking Benches £500 x 10 = £5,000 8. Voice of a Friend = £2325 9. Grants Scheme £15,000 <p>£1,875 remaining this financial year</p> <p>The Small Grants Scheme was launched on 7th December and deadline was extended to 12th Feb to encourage more applications.</p> <p>CAS are now organising the first CP sponsored free accredited level 2 'Theory of youth work' training course for East Suffolk groups. Kessingland have 6 agreed and email gone out to offer remaining 4 places to other groups in the area.</p>
<p>Felixstowe Peninsula</p>	<p>Priorities reviewed and focus has shifted to reflect Covid-19 response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle social isolation and loneliness • Add: Improve physical and mental health and wellbeing • Education – aspirations, ambitions, and standards • NB: Community spaces and physical enhancements still a priority but will revisit again later to explore mechanisms to deliver on this. 	<p>i) <u>MEETING DATES & PAPERS</u></p> <p>ii) Chair: Mark Jepson Vice Chair: Sharon Harkin</p> <p>TASK & FINISH GROUP(S) A T&F group set up to develop a small grant scheme.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £5,000: Basics Foodbank 2. £2,000: FACTS Community Transport 3. £1,000: Adult & Community Services Fuel Vouchers 4. £5,000: Felixstowe Academy Library Project 5. £5,000: Friends of Felixstowe Library Project 6. £2,000: Community Directory (Outcome Proposal yet to be submitted / approved) 7. £10,000: Small Grants Scheme 8. £1,500: Digital Inclusion Fund 9. £2,530: Langer School Half Term Activities <p>£970 remaining this financial year</p> <p>The first allocated funding from the Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership was directed to those organisations supporting people with the impact of C-19.</p>

			<p>Felixstowe School have utilised their funding by buying books and starting a reading intervention programme for years 7 and 8. New furniture has been installed and large PC screens, headphones for audio books are on order.</p> <p>Felixstowe Library have taken advantage of lockdown to refurbish the children's area. New flooring, shelves, bespoke story walls, reading den and starlit hideaway are all in the plans to redesign the area for children to enjoy.</p> <p>Langer Primary School are identifying 24 children where intervention in school holidays is needed. As well as promoting physical fitness, this project will facilitate a safe place for the school to engage with families in need and bring in other avenues of support.</p>
Framlingham, Wickham Market, and villages	<p>Priorities reviewed and stay the same:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing opportunities for young people • Reduce social isolation and loneliness • Alternative, active, and sustainable transport provision 	<p>i) MEETING DATES & PAPERS</p> <p>ii) Chair: Carol Poulter Vice Chair: Maurice Cook</p> <p>TASK & FINISH GROUP(S) i) Developing Opportunities and Services for Young People with <u>follow up consultation event</u> & ii) Social Isolation and Loneliness</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £2,800: Youth Outreach Work in Wickham Market 2. £3,840: Youth Outreach Work in Framlingham 3. £5,050: Extended youth services, at Pageant Field/the Con Club/FAYAP building, Thomas Mills 4. £1,000: Travel support scheme for young people to access interview/work / training (not going forward) 5. £1,000: Student Life research on youth provision and needs in the wider community 6. £3,000: East Coast EV Taxi bus Pilot 7. £15,000: Hour Community EV Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle 8. £800: Talking Bench project <p>£3,150 remaining this financial year</p>
Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley	<p>priorities reviewed and will stay the same:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce social isolation & loneliness • Environmental care and sustainable transport • Support people to age well • Traffic and road safety 	<p>i) MEETING DATES & PAPERS</p> <p>ii) Chair: Chris Blundell Vice Chair: Robert Whiting</p> <p>TASK & FINISH GROUP(S) A T&F Group set up to finalise the criteria and type of scheme to support through the Environmental Grant Scheme.</p> <p>Suffolk Wildlife Trust consultant to attend CP meeting to provide specialist advice.</p> <p>Planning a workshop to explore the environmental care element in more detail, ready for the March meeting.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £9,040: Chinwag Kesgrave 2. £1,000: Meet up Mondays 3. £5,000: Mental Health First Aid 4. £10,818.32: Environmental Grant Scheme 5. £5,040: Wellbeing programmes to 65+ 6. £2,893.87: Talking benches 7. £500 contribution to speed reduction project in Great Bealings <p>£707.81 remaining this financial year</p> <p>2nd Meet up Monday agreed for new year in area of high isolation/loneliness.</p> <p>MHFA course held on 11th 23 attendees in the end – very successful.</p> <p>Grant Scheme received 13 applications – expansion of budget suggested to Chair to accommodate more if necessary.</p>

			<p>Benches EOIs exceeded capacity. New quote requested. 8 benches requested by local groups, 1 of which will be included in a sport/play improvement scheme instead.</p> <p>Local primary school have voted on their environmental priorities to guide discussion within CP meetings. Grant scheme approved 11 applications,</p>
Lowestoft and northern parishes	<p>Priorities reviewed and stay the same:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve mental health and wellbeing • Tackle childhood obesity • Reduce social isolation – all ages 	<p>i) MEETING DATES & PAPERS</p> <p>ii) Chair: Paul Ashdown Vice Chair: Danny Steel</p> <p>TASK & FINISH GROUP(S): i) Mental Health: A group set up to brainstorm the first ideas ii) Childhood Obesity: An ongoing subgroup set up to develop and steer an 18 months programme of work.</p> <p>14 application for grants panel 3/2/21.</p>	<p>1. £9,935: Voice of a friend 2. £8,500: Young people obesity project 3. £10,000: Small Grant Scheme (to be approved)</p> <p>£6,565 remaining this financial year [Proposal for 'Lowestoft Mile' project (with costings for 4 walks at £4,500) supported at the CP meeting 16.12.20] 1 walk has already been filmed. Linked with local historian</p> <p>Voice of a Friend (VOF) started through the HBNA Covid response in Lowestoft. With CP funding, this was passed to NES CAB on 14th October with 85 clients wanting a regular befriender, during this transition, 9 volunteers carried through with NES CAB. Since this time, another 19 referrals for VOF were made to NES CAB.</p>
Melton, Woodbridge, and Deben Peninsula	<p>Priorities reviewed and stay the same:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active and sustainable transport provision • Village Hub – bringing services to people • Youth Engagement, opportunities, and services 	<p>i) MEETING DATES & PAPERS</p> <p>ii) Chair: Chris Mapey Vice Chair: James Mallinder</p> <p>TASK & FINISH GROUP(S): i) Youth Engagement, & ii) Village Hubs, bringing services to people (survey and research completed)</p> <p>Funding panel on the 18th December 2020.</p>	<p>1. £10,000: Hollesley Village Hall Project 2. £10,000: Village Hubs Grant Scheme to help achieve the objectives of supporting Village Hubs and Bringing Services to People.* 3. £15,000: Youth Engagement Grant Scheme Funding for Youth Engagement Opportunities and Services.*</p> <p>All funding allocated this financial year</p> <p>* Grant funding agreed for: Eyke village hall £2,500 Campsea Ashe village hall £2,500 Woodbridge basketball area £2,500 Blaxhall play equipment £2,500 Woodbridge sea scouts up to £4,893 Just 42 £2,500 Shottisham play equipment £1,163 £4,443.60 grant left to carryover for 2021/22</p>