



## **East Suffolk Community Partnership Board**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

### **Focus on: Transport**

#### **Background:**

The eight Community Partnership workshops in October/November 2019 identified two clear priorities for East Suffolk - **Social Isolation & Loneliness** and **Transport**.

The workshops identified many dimensions to the transport priority – for example connectivity, green vehicles, walking and cycling, community transport and alternative forms of transport provision – see Appendix for more details.

Since those workshops some initial work has been carried out with ESC & SCC to identify what transport and access to services data and modelling information is available for East Suffolk. What is clear is that this complex area will need a significant amount of focussed work to support the Board to make informed choices about how it can best use its influence and resources to achieve the most impact.

#### **Proposal:**

It is therefore proposed that an East Suffolk transport workshop/hothouse event be held in May/June to further define the issue, clarify the priorities and identify specific gaps in provision (either thematic e.g. young people, access to employment, evening and weekend transport etc. or geographic i.e. specific problems in specific places).

This hothouse session would include representatives from each Community Partnership plus relevant other organisations (ESC, SCC, CAS, Community Transport providers, Greenprint Forum etc.)

It is also clear that we need some expertise in East Suffolk to work with the Board to identify potential projects and help local organisations and groups to develop these.

#### **Funding:**

The funding available to the Board is £150,000 for 2019/20 and then £300,000 for the next three years – although individual Community Partnerships can also put forward proposals to spend.

#### **Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the Board allocate a total of **£75,000** from the 2019/20 Community Partnership Board budget to this priority for the conference/hothouse, additional support resources and project funding. However, it is also recommended that most of the funding would be ringfenced to support local project development and delivery.

## **Appendix 1**

### **Community Partnership Workshop Notes - Transport**

- Transport overall x 13
- Public transport x 10
- More up to date and detailed information on access to transport and service accessibility
- Need more data on provision of public transport
- Increase number of trips by public transport/bike/foot
- Rural transport x 10 [rural transport links to isolation] / regular bus services in villages x 3
- Transport to allow free movement around towns, rural areas and industrial business parks
- Accessible / wheelchair accessible transport for people with disabilities x 5
- Regular x 4 and Flexible x 2 Transport
- Green/sustainable transport – reduce pollution and congestion / Green buses x 3
- Run later / earlier times / evening transport x 3
- Integrated transport policy including community transport x 4
- Community transport – general x 5, more money x 2, lack of x 3
- Transport links/connectivity x 3
- More affordable/low-cost x 5
- Better access, particularly for young people x 4 / transport to college x 2

### **Who and Where?**

- Transport for everyone!
- Prioritise young people and older people x 2
- Lack of bus services within short walk for older people
- Available links and transport for rural areas for both young and older age groups
- Transport for the elderly to allow access to community events, doctors, support groups x 2
- Lack of transport east of the A14
- Transport linking the villages to towns e.g. Halesworth
- Transport in the Oulton area
- Poor infrastructure through Martlesham increases volume of traffic
- Link up/reach areas of social housing
- To get people to doctor appointments to ensure treatments are not missed

### **Impact**

- Negative impact of poor transport on education/employment opportunities for young people
- Negative impact of poor transport on adults on low income/benefits
- Impact on social mobility and isolation due to impact on social interactions

### **Walking, Cycling and Riding**

- Network of safe cycling and walking routes x 8
- Quiet lanes to make county roads better places to cycle and walk
- Improve footpaths x 2 and cycle paths, especially in rural areas
- Separate cycle lanes from busy roads

- Walk to school routes that can be made safer/footpaths near schools are required
- Safe cycling for families and children going to school
- Lack of safe routes for horses/bridleways

#### **Other**

- Electrical charging points
- Via van app
- Public slipway onto river Deben
- Environment and transport
- Action to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to climate change and climate emergency
- Air quality
- More access to countryside