Sustainable Modes of Travel (SMOT)

**Our Priorities**

**Priority A – Walking and Cycling**

Local initiatives and supporting schools to promote sustainable options to parents.

**Actions:**
1. Through case studies, we will publish and promote initiatives, for example, Bike Life and Beat the Streets.
2. Promote the health and wellbeing benefits of walking to and from schools, colleges and other educational providers, and involving the wider family.
3. Encourage local campaigns through individual schools and multi-academy trusts, to run their own promotions, for example Walk to School in Wellesleys, Walking Buses and Walk to School with a Grandparent.
4. Make use of a bike or a walking assistant a reality for those who are eligible for funded port travel.
5. Continue to support Bikeability and Road Safety initiatives in Suffolk.

**Priority B – Sustainable Travel**

Audit of local travel patterns, making routes available for walking and cycling, developing Connecting Communities, brokering relationships between educational settings and transport operators, and planning for the future. Achieve the outcomes by working with a wide range of partners, including Public Health.

**Actions:**
1. Through detailed analysis, set priorities in relation to sustainable travel at a local level within Suffolk, to complement the new school travel policy and arrangements.
2. Make more routes safe and available to walk and cycle, including road safety training and engagement through schools.
3. Grow Connecting Communities so there are more local and sustainable travel options available.
4. Promote the Modeshift STARS with all schools, colleges and educational providers in Suffolk.
5. Explore and promote travel blending and informal lift-sharing. Explore the development of a demonstrator with an education setting.
6. Develop technological solutions for Suffolk, such as journey planning apps, calorie counting.
7. Embed outcomes from the Total Transport Research with, for example the RIDE app into communities in Suffolk.
8. Suffolk CC as part of the Suffolk Brokerage Service (SBS) will encourage and support local travel initiatives through the number of updated school travel plans promoted through Modeshift STARS online resource.

**Priority C – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**

Supporting Suffolk partners’ SEND Strategy by increasing independence through travel training and empowering children and young people to use mainstream transport, developing personal budgets and helping families to travel plan.

**Actions:**
1. Work with Suffolk Parent Carer Network and young people champions to develop case studies to support the above actions, for example tips for families whose young people with SEND are wanting to plan to learn to drive.
2. Support and promote travel training for all young people.
3. Increase independent travel training and take up of personal travel budgets.
4. Link with Suffolk CC Adult and Community Services to support individual travel arrangements.
5. Co-produce with Suffolk Parent Carer Network, case studies to support the above actions, for example tips for families whose young people with SEND are wanting to plan to learn to drive.

**Priority D – Post-16**

Promote up to date travel plans, making best use of post-16 bursary funds, promoting travel training, developing the mobility as a service model for the future.

**Actions:**
1. Raising awareness of the Post-16 travel policy for young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) through publication of the Suffolk CC Transitions Guide and sharing of local offers on the Suffolk CC Local Offer website.
2. Raise awareness of the Post-16 learners travel policy on Suffolk’s Local Offer website.
3. Broker collaboration between Post-16 providers and operators so they work collaboratively to develop sustainable travel solutions.
4. Support and promote travel training for all young people.
5. Co-production work with Post-16 providers to ensure there is clear and accessible information on provider websites about the Post-16 bursary fund which can support students with travel costs.

**Our Vision**

Suffolk residents have increased travel options and the ability to arrange their own transport to meet their needs, without public subsidy.

**Our Goals**

- Improve Health and Well-being
  - Encourage walking to help improve all areas of physical and mental health.
- Reduce Pollution
  - Reduce congestion around the school gates and improve air quality around schools.
- National Travel Awards
  - An accreditation system with local and national awards for individual schools - sustainable success.

**What success will look like**

We will continue to monitor the number of families who arrange travel for their own children as the new travel policy is implemented – on a year by year basis from September 2019, together with the number of updated school travel plans promoted through Modeshift STARS online resource.

**Useful links**

- www.suffolk.gov.uk/locallinks
- www.suffolkroadsafe.com
- www.modeshiftstars.org
- suffolkonboard.com
- suffolkpassengertransport.com

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