

# Cargo Bike Scheme

To consider approaches to issues arising from the support of the Budget and Administration Committee to Northumberland County Council's (NCC's) proposal to provide an e-cargo bike for use by businesses in Berwick-upon-Tweed.

**Recommendation:**

1. Council is recommended to consider the proposals below and accept them as the basis for NCC's involvement in the development of an e-cargo bike scheme.

	Yes	No
Does the decision involve new expenditure?	Yes	
Is there an existing budget for the proposed expenditure (insert code)	No	
What procurement level is required?	N/A	
Are there equalities impacts / an equalities assessment required?	Possibly	
Does this require a full council decision? (Reports for full council decision should still be sent to the relevant committee where possible.)	Yes	
Is there a background paper or papers? (provide links below).		No

1. NCC have proposed the provision of an e-cargo bike for use by businesses in Berwick upon Tweed, and are seeking partners for this work.
2. The bike would be paid for by NCC, but locally managed by partners.
3. Officers have been involved in preliminary discussions, and do not see insurmountable issues. The issues which are unclear, such as management software (e.g. Yoyo), marketing, and storage places for the bike are all within easy prospect of resolution.
4. Berwick Town Council's advantages in considering this proposal include a town centre presence for inquiries about the bike, space to the rear of the office for short term storage, and a depot and vehicle in the town for longer periods of storage.
5. Committee having indicated its support for this proposal and it falls to council to grant authority for officers to proceed and work with NCC and other partners (e.g. the Development Trust) to reach a deliverable solution.
6. Council is requested to delegate authority to the Town Clerk, after consultation with Cllr R Mackenzie and Cllr T Stewart, to conclude an agreement with partners and to spend no more than £500 from reserves on solutions to facilitate this.

**Issues arising from proposal**

None.

**Rationale for recommendation**

To give officers authority to engage in work supporting the e-cargo bike scheme.