

Briefing note

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Update for Economic Growth
and Development Overview &
Scrutiny Committee by
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- **Beryl Bikes Bike Hire:** The public e-bike hire scheme, operated by Beryl Bikes, has generally had a successful first month after a soft launch in Falmouth and Penryn. There have been some issues with the availability of bikes on-street, but these are being resolved and monitored. The project will expand over the coming months, with schemes programmed to become operational in Penzance, St Austell, Truro and Newquay by late March 23.
- **LED Project:** All highway streetlights to be replaced with LED over the next three years, along with the roll-out of a LoRaWAN network to control the units. So far 8 out of 320 routes have been completed. Looking to accelerate the programme from April 2023.
- **A30 Safety:** I met with National Highways in mid-November to discuss the next stage of the options work being undertaken to develop a case to fund safety measures in along the Plusha to Kennards House section of the A30. The study is currently considering five options from minor interventions all the way through to full grade separation. The Strategic Route Network (SRN) is the responsibility of National Highways (NH); however, it is vital that CC support them to in terms of raising the profile for the need to invest in a safety package. I will meet NH again at the end of January 2023 with the local members to review findings of the option assessments before the study moves to the next stage. In addition, NH is looking at an interim solution that could see the roll out of average speed cameras, new signage and lining. This solution would require the support of the Police.
- **Bus Fares Pilot:** At a time of high inflation and increased cost of living, bus users in Cornwall continue to benefit from low fares through Cornwall's Bus Fares Pilot delivered by Cornwall Council. Since its launch on 10 April 2022 nearly 1.5million discounted tickets have been sold, with passengers saving over £2.7million through the pilot and receiving, on average, a 36% discount on their fare. Building on a strong foundation, sales and patronage have continued to grow in the second quarter of the pilot (July-Sept 2022) with over 870,000 discounted tickets sold - an increase of 38% compared to the first quarter. Whilst there was growth across all ticket products, there was a notable increase in individual and family day tickets sold over the summer months, which offered unlimited travel across the county for £5 and £10 respectively on any operator's services.
- **Bus Fares Cap Grant Scheme:** Between 1st January and March 31st 2023, Bus operators in England will be working with the Department of Transport to jointly deliver the Bus Fares Cap Grant Scheme. This scheme is being jointly run with Cornwall's nationally recognised Bus Fares Pilot. The Transport Team has been working closely with the Dft since September to share learnings from our Bus Fare Pilot and ensure both schemes can run in parallel. In Cornwall, customers will pay no more than £2 for single fare journey but will also have access to discounted tickets, such as our adult £1,60 single fare, and Town Zone tickets. All singles for children and adults will be capped at £2.
- **Parking Review:** The Proposed Parking Tariff Review 2022 will be part of the EGD OSC Agenda on the 10th January, the review is focused on the following items:
 - Simplification of the current 120 different parking tariffs
 - Providing consistency and effective customer focused operational service
 - Delivering the Carbon Commitment pledge

- Supporting Town Vitality
- Delivering the KLOE
- Improving income generation to support improving wider parking service
- **Newquay Tretherras Paths:** The paths are scheduled to open in the new year, supporting safe and active travel to the large and expanding school campus.
- **January site visits planned for:**
 - Newquay Tretherras paths,
 - Newquay Strategic Route,
 - Newquay station quarter,
 - A3058 Safer routes scheme,
 - Truro Loops,
 - Ponsanooth 20mph,
 - St Mary's school streets scheme.