



REPORT TO CANVEY PRIDE IN PLACE BOARD – 15th July 2026

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SUBJECT: Expansion of Essex Pedal Power – Canvey

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report will provide greater detail around the children and young people projects put forward by the School Sport Partnership in the initial investment plan and make a formal request to the Board for funding for the 26/27 financial year with in principle consideration for future years (to be revisited)

2 LINKS TO THE CANVEY ISLAND REGENERATION PLAN

- 2.1 The projects included sit within the pre-approved intervention them of 'Education and Opportunity' and the pre-approved category of MHCLG of Enhancing Opportunities for Children and Young People.

The School Sport Partnership led , as part of the initial consultation and engagement phase, detailed research on the views and needs of children and young people through focus group meetings in every school on Canvey and the projects identified also link directly to the findings and outcome.

These include:

- Increased opportunities for older children/youth
- Development of skills and opportunities around sport
- Working with families to provide the best start in life
- Swimming identified as a priority for young people

- Improved access to walking and cycling opportunities

Regeneration Plan links and priorities:

Essex Pedal Power on Canvey Island links to the following priority areas:

- Project 1 – Improving Access – through increased cycling opportunities
- Project 2 – Enhancing Opportunities for Children and Young People
- Project 3 Skills and Employment through creating better opportunities to move around Canvey Island
- Project 8 – Physical Activity for Health
- Desire Lines – greater connectivity and opportunity for people to move between the assets on Canvey Island

3 MATTERS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER

3.1 The Board is asked to consider and take decisions on the following matters and allocate funding to the following project:

(1) Essex Pedal Power Canvey – Castle Point and Rochford School Sport Partnership has been working in partnership with Active Essex to deliver Essex Pedal Power on Canvey Island for 4 years, building all necessary processes and structures (predominantly through the schools network) to reach those children, young people and families who need the help the most. The current programme focuses on bikes and scooters allocated to disadvantaged children and families identified through criteria developed with schools around FSM and Pupil Premium status/ alongside Head teacher discretion.

Pedal Power provides these children and families with either free bikes or scooters, based on need to support active travel, increased physical activity, greater social connectivity, independence for young people to cycle to school and support of whole families to improve family connections. This proves to be an extremely successful scheme and also offers safety and skills training, bike construction, maintenance and repairs.

This proposal is asking in Year 1 to build on the current SE programme, maximise success and messaging and for Pride In Place to help to fill the gap between current funding and demand and commit in principle for this to become a multi-year programme.

- Scale up and build on current Pedal Power infrastructure and utilise the existing model
- Support a further 10 families with bikes/scooters
- Support a further 20 children and young people with bikes/scooters
- Support 20 NEETs with bikes – linked to active travel and local skills/employability opportunities
- Provide safety and skills training
- Provide bike building, maintenance and delivery support

FUNDING ASK - £38,000 (leveraging and building on existing SE allocation of £54,000)

Total £38,000 (Year 1 with in principle future funding in the years ahead)

4 INTRODUCTION

The Essex Pedal Power Canvey project presented in this report are part of the initial investment plan and pre-approved themes identified at the point of consultation and engagement. The reason these projects are being presented to the Board for consideration in July 2026 is so they can be actioned and implemented from September 2026 onwards, in line with the start of the new academic year to assist planning and delivery timeframes. This project also overlaps with Sport England Place Partnership funding and through timing in this way, can add greater value and leverage and maximise investment.

5 OPTIONS

5.1 Option 1: Do Nothing

5.2 Option 2: Fund all aspects of project proposal

5.3 Option 3: Fund some aspects of project proposal

5.4 Preferred Option – Option 2

6 COMMUNITY CONSIDERATIONS

Based on extensive community consultation through children, young people and schools. The projects link young people to community opportunities and the wider

outcomes/aims of the regeneration and investment plan. Clear links between active travel , reducing congestion on the Island , better employability opportunities and connectivity alongside healthy lifestyles.

7 DELIVERY TIMEFRAMES

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8 FINANCIAL AND COST CONSIDERATIONS

Summary of Funding request:

Essex Pedal Power Canvey (September 2026 – March 2027)

Capacity to organise/manage/ source / deliver

Capacity to purchase bikes/scooters and safety equipment

Capacity to deliver safety training

£38,000

Total £56,000 (Year 1)

9 OTHER RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 The resource to deliver this project would be provided by the Castle Point and Rochford School Sport Partnership (The Deanes/SEEAT)

10 RISKS

10.1 The only risks would be the potential failure to deliver these projects within the necessary timeframe which is mitigated through the high level strategic and operation relationships which exist through the structure of the School Sport Partnership and Canvey Schools for 23 years. A successful infrastructure for Essex Pedal Power Canvey and effective process has been built over 4 years of successful delivery through London Marathon Trust and more recently Sport England Place Partnership funding – the risk is mitigated through tried and tested delivery methods.

11 LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no legal considerations or restrictions to the delivery of these projects. The Castle Point and Rochford School Sport Partnership is The Deanes School (SEEAT Trust) and all projects will be delivered in line within the governance of the 12 Canvey schools and Essex Pedal Power Canvey.

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Attachments: