

## PROVIDING SHARED EQUIPMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL

Often people may be put off choosing the sustainable travel option because they lack the right equipment to make their journeys safe and comfortable. An employer can support smarter travel choices by providing a selection of the following equipment for free, or on loan, in response to staff needs (as may be demonstrated through a staff survey). Employers may be able get together to provide some equipment/facilities shared with their neighbours.



### SHARED TRAVEL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE ON LOAN:

#### CYCLING:

- Reflective clothing or accessories
- Puncture repair kits
- Emergency lights and batteries
- Pump
- Toolkit
- Spares
- Pannier racks
- Panniers
- Trailers
- Lock
- Helmet
- Cycles (range depending on local needs and terrains – foldable, electrically-assisted, hybrid, mountain)

#### SHORT-TERM VEHICLE HIRE (consider the use of alternative fuels and on-vehicle advertising/promotion):

- Pool cars and other fleet vehicles, e.g. vans (owned by employer)
- Car clubs (owned and run by an external specialist short-term operator)
- Car hire (mainstream rental)

#### MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS/HOME WORKING:

- Light, portable and compact laptop computers with WiFi and access/subscriptions to mobile internet
- Mobile phones/PDAs

#### WALKING:

- Personal alarms
- Umbrellas
- Shared/team travel passes, e.g. for bus or rail use, or parking
- Laptop bags/rucksacks

#### CAR SHARING

- Guaranteed journey home by taxi or other means if normal collective mode of transport (e.g. car sharing, bus or train) fails

“...pool bikes should be managed like any other company vehicle, with a consistent approach to bookings, maintenance and safety.”

*(Travel Plan Resources Pack for Employers, Section 5.3.3)*

#### + MORE ABOUT

Further advice on **using pool bikes** (including maintenance, inspection and insurance) is given in Section 5.3.3 of the Travel Plan Resources Pack for Employers, available via the Resource Centre for travel plans on [www.movingsomersetforward.co.uk](http://www.movingsomersetforward.co.uk).

#### GROUPS TO SET UP TO SUPPORT SMARTER TRAVEL:

- Bike user groups or ‘boot’ buddies/walking groups
- Safe escorts to car parks
- Car sharer coffee clubs
- Public transport user group