

# News Release

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## **Council in talks with bike sharing scheme provider**

Transportation-rental company Lime has approached the Council about potentially expanding its bike-sharing scheme to the borough.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Teresa O'Neill OBE and Councillor Melvin Seymour, Chairman of the Council's Places Overview & Scrutiny Committee, met with Lime Head of Policy for UK and Ireland Alan Clarke last week (21 February) at the Civic Offices in Bexleyheath to try out the bikes for size.

Lime currently provide dockless electrically assisted bikes through its rental scheme in Brent and Ealing.

Lime e-assist bikes start at just £1 to unlock via its mobile phone app and 15p per minute to ride. The bikes are fitted with alarms and GPS trackers.

The service would come at no cost to the Council or council taxpayers.

Councillor O'Neill said: "We were interested to meet Lime and hear their proposal. We are keen to explore ways to encourage cycling because it could help to reduce congestion, improve air quality and help people to be more active."

Council officers will be meeting Lime to discuss their proposals in more detail and decide if it is suitable for Bexley.

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Attachments

- Council in talks with bike sharing scheme provider [Council in talks with bike sharing scheme provider](#)
- The Leader of the Council, Councillor Teresa O'Neill OBE and Councillor Melvin Seymour, Chairman of the Council's Places Overview & Scrutiny Committee [The Leader of the Council, Councillor Teresa O'Neill OBE and Councillor Melvin Seymour, Chairman of the Council's Places Overview & Scrutiny Committee](#)