

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

Decision by Cllr Tim Pike

Cabinet Lead for: Strategic Innovation, Infrastructure and Projects

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

Report by: Pennie Brown, Sustainability Adviser

Key Decision: Yes

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to outline the approach to facilitating an increase in electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure across Havant Borough.

2.0 Decision

- 1) To agree the following approach to EV Infrastructure across the Borough:
 - a) To work with a private sector contractor to identify and install EV infrastructure where technically and economically feasible within Havant Borough Council car parks/land
 - b) To include a policy statement on EV charging infrastructure in the draft Havant Borough Local Plan 2036
 - c) Develop other incentives for electric vehicle users such discounts made available for electric vehicles e.g. low emissions permits
 - d) Explore if there is an opportunity and business case to 'green' any of the Council's fleet

3.0 Issue

The council is seeing an increase in the number of requests from residents and businesses to provide EV charging infrastructure. The current charging infrastructure in Havant is currently low with only three charging points in the whole borough (two located at Waterlooville and one at Northney Marina).

The term *electric vehicle infrastructure* is referring to dedicated electric vehicle charging equipment, also known as an EV charge-point.

There are many reasons why the council could intervene with promoting EV Infrastructure:

- This initiative supports UK Government policy initiated by the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) aimed at delivering a modal shift towards electric vehicles

- Havant lacks EV public infrastructure that enables residents, businesses and visitors to have confidence in the ownership and use of electric vehicles
- Promoting plug-in electric vehicles will contribute to a reduction in transport-related carbon emissions and contribute towards an improvement in air quality
- EV charge-points may well become essential infrastructure to attract inward investment for economic development, and enfranchise visitors with EVs to tourist attractions such as Hayling Island over other areas.

It is recommended that the council work with a private sector company to invest in the infrastructure. This approach involves working with a company who is experienced and qualified in rolling out the charge-point network. This process will involve;

- Expression of interest to Office for Low Emission Vehicles authorised EV installers
- Select organisation and agree contract
- Work with the EV installer to provide information on locations working with relevant teams across the council
- Contractor undertaking necessary feasibility searches
- Sites agreed and infrastructure installed

The benefits of this approach are quality of infrastructure improved ensuring a future-proofed network, less ongoing council resource required, no up-front costs required, lower risk, and the potential to generate a small income. The downside of this approach include an exclusive contract, will be business case driven by contractor so may be limited on site location, limited income stream, limited control over pricing strategy of charge-points

4.0 Implications

4.1 Resources:

The project management can be covered by existing resources from the Sustainability Adviser. Staff resource will also be required internally from the estates team and legal services.

The costs of the infrastructure will be covered by the private sector partner.

It is likely points will be located in carparks and this could result in the allocation of car parking spaces for EV charging. Any impacts of this would be considered through the identification of sites.

4.2 Legal:

Internal legal support to establish the contractual arrangement with a private sector organisation. Issues that would need to be resolved include the exclusivity of the contract, the income opportunity, liabilities and lease arrangements.

4.3 Strategy:

This delivers against the environmental sustainability priority within the corporate strategy and against the Council's Energy Strategy which was agreed in February 2016. This also supports wider strategies to improve air quality and demonstrate council leadership.

4.4 **Risks:**

There are reputation issues of doing nothing. EV charge-points may well become essential infrastructure to attract inward investment for economic development, and to attract EV owners to visit the borough.

The installation of charge-points is dependent on suitable access to the electricity supply must be approved by the Distribution Network Operator (DNO). Installation costs can escalate if the site of the charge-points are a significant distance from an electricity supply or sub-station. Care should be taken to select sites to minimise installation costs, and to involve SSE (the local DNO) as soon as possible to allow work to be scheduled. The partner organisation would incur these costs, this is just to note as may contribute to the business case on location of sites

The contract would need to consider risks identified with the land and its long-term objectives especially potential development opportunities.

5.0 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 – ‘confidential’ or Exempt’ Information Indicator:**

5.1 This delegated decision contains neither confidential nor exempt information

6.0 **Is this an Urgent Decision?**

No

Agreed Cllr Tim Pike

Date 8/2/2018.

(The decision is subject to the usual ‘call-in’ process and, if not called in by the Scrutiny Board, will be effective five clear working days after the date of publication, i.e. 16/02/18. If an urgent decision, this date will be the same as the date that this decision record was published)

Agreed and signed off by:

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