

REPORT OF THE
Executive Member for Environment and Transport
PART II

329. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

1. On 6 November 2012, the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approved proposals to take the lead in working with European regions, car manufacturers and the electricity industry to move the electric vehicle agenda forward. This will involve lobbying European policy makers to agree standards for both the physical and supporting infrastructure for electric vehicles. Having Europe wide standards is key to wider electric vehicle take up, which will lead to improved air quality and lower carbon emissions.

2. The current lack of standard physical and supporting infrastructure is creating ad hoc investment in numerous technologies, resulting in investment in quickly outdated technology, or access being restricted by proprietary systems. In many areas, uncertainty in the market place has led to investment being postponed until it is clear that any new infrastructure is fit for purpose in the short to medium term.

3. Hampshire County Council is intending to install 30 electric vehicle charging sites as part of the street lighting PFI. The Executive Member approved proposals to look at installing 6 charging sites as a pilot study before committing to further roll-out. The pilot would assess locations, installation issues and monitor use patterns, ensuring that the remaining 24 charging sites would be developed so as to achieve maximum benefit to residents.

4. Further details can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm by typing in the relevant reference number:

- Electric Vehicle Charging Points (4164)

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