

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	11 June 2013
<b>Title:</b>	Electric Vehicle Charging Points
<b>Reference:</b>	4893
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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### **1. The decision:**

- 1.1. That the County Council proceeds with submission of a bid to the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) for £315,000 worth of funding for the provision of rapid electric vehicle (EV) chargepoints, of which £157,500 will relate to Hampshire.
- 1.2. That the County Council leads the bid which has a regional scope, thereby including chargepoints located within the Isle of Wight, Wiltshire and Oxfordshire, as well as those in Hampshire.
- 1.3. That the County Council utilises its existing strategic relationship with Scottish and Southern Electric (SSE), via the Street Lighting PFI, to source the remaining 25% of match funding required for chargepoints in Hampshire.
- 1.4. That all electric vehicle chargepoints provided by the County Council utilise a 'universal' payment system and are accessible on a 'pay-as-you-go basis'. This includes chargepoints to be installed under the Street Lighting PFI, which were previously identified as needing to be free to use due to a lack of 'universal' payment system options at the time.
- 1.5. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated approval to procure and spend to install and supply chargepoints as detailed in paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4 above and where it is necessary, to establish suitable arrangements for the ongoing maintenance of chargepoints in Hampshire.
- 1.6. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment be given delegated approval to agree any variations associated with the bid to OLEV.

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1. The installation of rapid chargepoints for electric vehicle users helps meet the County Council's aim to contribute to 2020 targets to reduce carbon emissions from transport and facilitate growth of electric vehicle usage in Hampshire.
- 2.2. Including chargepoints to be located in other local authority areas strengthens the bid on behalf of all of the authorities involved.
- 2.3. After the bid has been submitted, the County Council would have no ongoing responsibility for any of the sites outside of Hampshire, beyond having to report on energy use at all sites in the bid (as lead authority) for three years.
- 2.4. Under the proposed arrangements the County Council will source match-funding without committing any finances of its own, and staff time for the project will be allocated from existing resource.
- 2.5. Utilising the strategic existing relationship with SSE enables the County Council to continue to access experience and expertise with regards to electric vehicle Chargepoints, whilst also accessing match-funding opportunities.
- 2.6. The County Council has now identified chargepoints available on the market where the payment systems are 'universal', i.e. any electric vehicle driver could utilise them without requirement to pre-register. Payment would be through use of a combination of contact-less bank cards and a chip and pin system.
- 2.7. The requirement to possibly vary aspects of the decisions taken in the future is particularly based on the following key reasons:
  - that the electric vehicle chargepoint market has developed to a point where there is greater future security in the technology and payment infrastructure, but it is prudent to allow for any further developments; and
  - that the possibility exists that OLEV may ask the County Council to change aspects of its funding bid to ensure that finance is secured.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. That the County Council does not proceed with the funding bid. This option is not recommended as it would lead to the loss of an opportunity to support the use of electric vehicles by helping to create a more comprehensive chargepoint network for drivers.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

<b>Approved by:</b>  -----  <b>Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Seán D T Woodward</b>	<b>Date:</b>  <b>11 June 2013</b>
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