

In accordance with Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman has agreed to take this item as a late item of business in order allow Members to approve the review and associated timescale into the provision of electric charging points in the Council Car Parks.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING PROVISION IN COUNCIL CAR PARKS

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 For Members to consider the future development of an electric vehicle charging network within the Council's car parks.

2.0 Background Information

2.1. The last few years have seen an increase in the number of electric vehicles in the overall fleet with manufacturers investing heavily in their electric ranges and new plug-in models being released regularly. In fact many manufacturers have committed to including substantial numbers of EVs across their ranges within the next three to ten years.

2.2 The Government's recently published air quality strategy includes the ambition that the entire fleet will be electrically powered by 2040.

3.0 Introduction

3.1 As part of the development of Castle House the Council has included two charging points for electric vehicles. These are available to staff during office hours and the public at other times.

3.2 The Parking Services team are in the process of modernising its car park offer to the public. Last year the RingGo parking app was introduced to allow car park users to use the mobile phone app to pay for parking. The team is also in the process of providing additional machines that can use card payments including contactless options.

3.3 It now seems an appropriate time to look at the future provision of electric vehicle points with the Council's car parks and develop a future approach.

4.0 Proposals

4.1 There is a wide range of electric vehicles, charging points and connector types available and therefore it is proposed to undertake a review of the range of charges and connectors that are available on the market. The charges points can deliver superfast charging or trickle charging and the most appropriate locations for the most appropriate charge delivery method will also be considered.

4.2 The review will also look at the most appropriate locations with the current car parks and will make recommendations as to the numbers of charging points that will meet the current and future needs of the electric vehicle fleet. This will include a financial assessment of the impact of setting aside electric charge only spaces

4.3 It is anticipated that the review can be undertaken in a relatively short space of time and that a further report can be brought to the Committee in January.

5.0 Equalities Implications

5.1 None identified at this stage

6.0 Impact on Budget/Policy Framework

6.1 None at this stage.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

That Members approve the review and associated timescale into the provision of electric charging points in the Council Car Parks.

Reason for Recommendation

To allow future provision of electric charging points to be considered.

Background Papers

Nil

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