

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure fund Memorandum of Understanding Report

Report to Cabinet

Date: 05.11.2024

Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services

Key Decision: (b) Y

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Mark with a Y if applicable)

Summary:

The Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund is intended to create a commercial offer for residents without private off-street parking to have access to electric vehicle charging on residential streets near their homes to allow for on-street charging.

The Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund funding from Central Government has been awarded to Greater Manchester to create this market with commercial partners with the contribution and support of individual local authority priorities.

In order to take part in the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund scheme being taken forward by Transport for Greater Manchester, Stockport Council is required to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the local electric vehicle infrastructure fund. A draft Memorandum of Understanding is shown in Appendix A.

Transport for Greater Manchester have requested that the Memorandum of Understanding be signed as soon as possible by all local authorities in order to allow the tender process to be commenced. A more detailed report of the overall Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund project will be provided when more details become available. Although a Cabinet decision is not ordinarily requested in order to enter into a memorandum of understanding, this report and requested decision is being treated as a Key Decision as this point in time due to the on-site evaluation works for the tender process having to take place before any implementation contracts are entered into in the future. Therefore, the decision to enter into the memorandum of understanding will fulfil the criteria of a Key Decision as the outcome of the signing of that document will have a significant impact on more than one of the borough's wards.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

This funding opportunity supports the Council's ambition to support our residents in accessing EV charging and enables their move to zero emission vehicles. Therefore I ask that the Cabinet support the recommendations.

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

Cabinet are requested to:

Approve to delegate authority to negotiate and enter into the memorandum of understanding for the local electric vehicle infrastructure programme between

Transport for Greater Manchester, Stockport Council and each of the other Greater Manchester local authorities to the Director of Place Management and the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Governance in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transportation Services.

Note the requests in paragraph 4.3 of the report contained in the Memorandum of Understanding identifying specific commitments for Stockport as a local authority involved in the Greater Manchester Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund scheme.

Note that the Memorandum of Understanding requires Officers to work with Transport for Greater Manchester to develop the details of the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund funding proposals for Stockport and approve the utilisation the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement funding allocation to support this work.

Note that a report on the detailed proposals being developed for the proposed scheme together with the proposed contracts will be brought to a future scrutiny and cabinet meeting when greater details are available, which will require further decisions to be taken by the Cabinet.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): **(e)**
Communities & Transport Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers (if report for publication): **(f)**

Contact person for accessing
background papers and discussing the report

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'Urgent Business': **(g)** / **No (Please circle)**

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.
