

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Decision Title: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure – £4.9m Green Recovery Fund – Full Business Case Approval

Decision reference number: ~~(Democratic Services to add)~~ 00N23-0004

Decision date: 28th June 2023

Background / reason for decision:

The transition of the West of England’s vehicle fleet from internal combustion engine vehicles to zero-emission (at the tail pipe) electric vehicles is key for us to reach our goal of net-zero emissions by 2030. In order to stimulate the uptake of electric vehicles in the region and help us reach our net-zero goal, public sector intervention is needed.

In April 2022 the West of England Combined Authority approved unanimously that the provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure – using up to £5m of Green Recovery Fund investment – should be progressed to Full Business Case. This decision approved £100k of investment funding from this £5m to develop the Full Business Case document, with the remainder £4.9m of available funding to be allocated across the following schemes (in priority order):

1. On-street residential charge points
2. Off-street residential community charging hubs
3. Destination charge points at sites such as retail centres, park & ride sites, railway stations and other transport interchanges
4. Car club support

It was later deemed (July 2022) that a change request to this scope was necessary in order to reduce the scope of the project , and to allow it to focus investment of the £4.9m into charge point delivery and to keep the Full Business Case document on-track for timely completion.

At the West of England Combined Authority Committee in September 2002, a delegation to approve business cases for funding through the Green Recovery Fund was granted to the Combined Authority Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils

Options considered:

Option 1 – Do not approve / do nothing

Option 2 – Approve Final Business Case for investment of £4.9m from the Green Recovery Fund into Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure across the West of England over the next three years.


Decision: Approval of the Full Business Case for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and the award of £4.9m to deploy the infrastructure by March 2026.

Consultation: Initial consultation has taken place during the development stage of the project (i.e. up to completion of the Full Business Case). Parish and local councils have been consulted on the short-list of sites proposed by the scheme, and resident lead site selection (from the Travelwest Electric Vehicle site request page) were used in the assessment of sites put forward to deliver as part of the scheme.

Consultations will take place in the delivery phase of the project as sites are confirmed through the Revive Network Board and confirmed as technically viable by National Grid.

In deciding to approve the Full Business Case for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure the Officer making the decision, Richard Ennis, consulted with the constituent unitary authority Chief Executive Officers: Stephen Peacock (Bristol City Council), Will Godfrey (Bath & North East Somerset) and Dave Perry (South Gloucestershire Council).

Officer making decision: Richard Ennis



Position: Interim ~~Acting~~ Chief Executive, West of England Combined Authority

Report / appendices / background documents:

Appendix 1 – West of England Combined Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure FBC, June 2023