

**Name of meeting:** Cabinet  
**Date:** 12 June 2018

**Title of report:** Air Quality Improvement: Access to grant funding for Electric Vehicle Charge Points Taxi and Public Bays.

**Purpose of report**

To agree to include the funding figure of £547,337 for the delivery of strategic network of Electric Vehicle Rapid Charging Points across Kirklees in the Capital Plan.

To highlight the funding made available via West Yorkshire Combined Authority following grant award from Office of Low Emission Vehicles and West Yorkshire Transport Fund.

To agree to enter into a funding agreement with West Yorkshire Combined Authority to accept the £547,337 grant.

To agree to accept the terms of procurement of a single supplier for project deliver across West Yorkshire including appointment of the supplier following the WYCA procurement.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes Affects more than 1 ward Results in spending of more than £250K
Key Decision - Is it in the <a href="#">Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)?</a>	Yes
The Decision - Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by Strategic Director & name	Karl Battersby - 01.06.18
Is it also signed off by the Acting Service Director - Finance IT and Transactional Services?	Eamonn Croston - 01.06.18
Is it also signed off by the Service Director - Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Julie Muscroft - 04.06.18
Cabinet member portfolio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Musarrat Khan – Corporate (Place, Environment, and Customer Contact Services)</li> <li>• Cllr Graham Turner – Corporate (Place, Environment and Customer Contact Services)</li> </ul>

**Electoral wards affected:** all wards

**Ward councillors consulted:** Ward Cllr Engagement to follow once specific sites for charge points identified and agreed. This report establishes the

access to the funds and entry into the Capital Plan to enable the project to start

## **Public or private: Public**

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### **1. Summary**

WYCA has received a capital grant on 30 March 2017 of £1.98 million from the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) to install rapid charge points for electric taxi use only. The grant is for the installation of these units across the whole of West Yorkshire. WYCA has secured a grant funding amendment from OLEV to allow the provision of a taxi and public charging network.

The grant from OLEV is limited to 75% of the costs of purchasing and installing each unit and is capped at £22.5k per unit.

WYCA has allocated match funding of £1.2 million from the Local Transport plan for the scheme. This funding can be used to 'top up' the costs of purchasing and installing units to 100%.

WYCA are seeking a single supplier with a view that the supplier will also invest capital into the project. The level of 3<sup>rd</sup> party capital investment will depend on the commercial viability of the site. They are in the process of procuring a provider and Kirklees officers are being kept up to speed alongside other Councils in the West Yorkshire area.

All the charge points have to be installed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

Kirklees has been initially identified to receive £547,337 as a proportion of the funding.

This amount needs to be allocated to the Council's Capital Plan to enable officers to call down funds from WYCA to deliver the sites within the Kirklees District.

It is anticipated that 17 Charge Point sites can be delivered in Kirklees via the funding. However, the number is subject to change depending on the individual costs of installation at each site and the level of 3<sup>rd</sup> party investment.

Once site are identified Ward Members will be engaged with on a site by site basis.

### **2. Information required to take a decision**

WYCA have already been awarded the funding via OLEV and WYTF.

£547,337 has been allocated to Kirklees Council as a proportion based on population.

This report seeks access to the grant funds by including it in the Capital Plan.

No capital money will be required from the Council for delivery of the project.

It is anticipated that the majority of the sites will be delivered within Council owned car parks with the loss of 3 car parking bays per charge point. Each charge point includes 1 Taxi only charge bay and 1 Public use charge bay. There will be a consequential loss of car parking revenue.

Management of the project will be undertaken within the existing resources of the Air Quality team within Public Protection with support from services such as Highways, Commercial, Legal and Procurement. Some budget has been allocated with the overall project for district support in delivering the project. Decisions on whether to call down this budget will be made on a case by case basis.

### **3. Implications for the Council**

#### **3.1 Early Intervention and Prevention (EI)**

Air Quality is a significant local, national and international issue. Breathing in polluted air causes health impacts such as respiratory and heart diseases. The Air Quality problems we have in Kirklees are primarily a result of vehicle emissions. A significant amount of Kirklees Council's upcoming strategy and action plans rely on actions to reduce road side emissions by encouraging the move from polluting vehicles to low or ultra-low emission vehicles such as electric vehicles.

One of the main barriers of the move to electric vehicles is the absence of a suitable charging point network.

This project is designed to pump prime the delivery of a strategic network of rapid charge points, to remove barriers to the move to electric vehicles. Therefore improving the air quality of the district and improving the health of our residents.

#### **3.2 Economic Resilience (ER)**

This project is designed to provide charging point for taxis. A key strategy moving forward will be measures to improve the emissions from our taxi and private hire vehicles by introducing new licence conditions.

To support our taxi and private hire trade this project will enable them to access a network of charge points so that they can continue to trade without barriers.

#### **3.3 Improving Outcomes for Children**

Children are one of the most susceptible groups to the damaging effects of poor air quality. Common health effects is the

increased prevalence of asthma in Children. For Children growing up in areas of poor air quality it is likely that they will suffer from heart related disease late in life.

### **3.4 Reducing demand of services**

Although there is no direct reduction in demand of services – as these actions are designed to promote the health of our residents – there will be a long term reduction in services demand by increasing the healthy life span of Kirklees residents therefore, reducing the consequential demand of services poor health brings.

### **3.5 Financial legal and other consequences**

For each charge point installed in Council Car Parks – 3 Car Parking Bays will be lost. Depending on the car park – there will be a loss of car parking revenue. As there will be a reduction of 3 to 2 bays. However, there are potential income streams from the projects, via, the land lease agreement with the supplier, profit share from the sale of electric. The loss of parking revenue is also difficult to quantify as currently electric vehicles benefit from free car parking – therefore – the electric vehicles using the bays would not be liable for paying the parking fee.

An internal Project team which includes, Legal, Procurement, Highways, Parking as well as the Air Quality team is set up and over sees the delivery of the project. The advice of the internal project team will inform the Strategic Director of the acceptability of the procurement terms of the single supplier.

## **4. Consultees and their opinions**

The project has discussed within the Council and the Region for some years. Portfolio Holders and Senior Management have been briefed on a number of occasions regarding the project and have been supportive to the point where officers have been working on the project to the point where funding now needs to be delivered to the Council from WYCA so the project can be delivered at a local level.

Ward Councillors have awareness of the project as it been a key part of our Air Quality communications over the last few years.

When individual sites are identified - individual Ward Members will be directly engaged with.

## **5. Next steps**

Following the inclusion of the funding within the Capital Plan and WYCA securing a supplier for the Charge Points officers will work up individual sites for delivery. Anticipated Q3 2018.

West Yorkshire Combined Authority are supplying the draft procurement terms to procure a single supplier for West Yorkshire. The

procurement will be on a 'call off contract' for each individual site. Once the procurement terms are agreed by the five West Yorkshire Districts a single supplier will be procured.

Funding will be called down from WYCA on a site by site basis. A funding agreement will be required between WYCA and Kirklees Council to facilitate the delivery of funding.

## **6. Officer recommendations and reasons**

- 6.1 Include the Electric vehicle Charge Points Taxi and Public Bays project (the Project) in the Council's Capital Plan and transfer funding on receipt of the capital grant from West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) of £547,337 to the Council's Capital Plan.
- 6.2 Note that on 30 March 2017, WYCA has obtained a capital grant of £1.98 Million from the Office of Low Emission vehicles (OLEV) to install a network of rapid charge points for electric taxi use across the West Yorkshire region.
- 6.3 Give delegated authority to Strategic Director, Economy and Infrastructure to agree the terms of the Funding Agreement for £547,337 in respect of delivery of the Project in Kirklees area, in consultation with the Service Director, Legal, Governance and Commissioning and Chief Finance Officer with West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) which provides the mechanism for the grant funds to be distributed from WYCA to West Yorkshire Districts for the delivery of the project; and to authorise the Service Director Legal, Governance and Commissioning to sign and or seal the Funding Agreement.
- 6.4 To note the open procurement tender exercise being undertaken by WYCA on behalf of west Yorkshire council's for a single supplier, 10 year maximum Framework Agreement for delivery of the Project for up to 10 years which will enable Kirklees council to enter into a "Call-off" contract directly with the successful tenderer;
- 6.5 Give delegated authority to the Strategic Director, Economy and Infrastructure to agree on behalf of Kirklees Council the procurement strategy; involving, amongst other things, the procurement of a single supplier for the delivery of the project under a 10 year Framework Agreement (with 10 year call-off contract(s) including the appointment of the successful supplier following the open tendering process managed by West Yorkshire Combined Authority mentioned in paragraph 6.4 above; and to enter into call off contract(s) with the successful tenderer whether below or above £160K threshold set out in the Council's Contract Procedure Rules; and/or to authorise the Service Director Legal, Governance and Commissioning to enter into a "call-off" contract(s) with the successful tenderer, if required, where the call off documentation is required to be entered into under seal.

- 6.6 delegate authority to the Strategic Director, Economy and Infrastructure to agree the terms of any land acquisitions (including leasing sites) and to authorise the Service Director Legal, Governance and Commissioning to enter into any leasing arrangements with third parties and or the successful tenderer or any other ancillary legal documentation to implement the Project and affix the Council's seal as appropriate.

The implementation of the electronic vehicle rapid Charging points project will support a reduction in vehicle emissions to address poor air quality and the adoption of less polluting and the adoption of more fuel efficient vehicles

## **7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation**

Cllr Turner is supportive of the project and agreed that the amount should be entered into the Capital Plan.

Also asked to expand the scope of the report to include the delegated authority to Strategic Director to accept the funding agreement from West Yorkshire Combined Authority for the project funding.

And

To expand the scope of the report for Strategic Director to agree, on the advice of Legal & Governance and Procurement - the procurement terms and the appointment of the single supplier for West Yorkshire

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## **9. Background Papers and History of Decisions**

Briefing to portfolio members Jan 18

## **10. Service Director responsible**

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