



Officer Decision Record – Key Decision

Key decisions taken by an officer are subject to the 5 day call in period from circulation to Members, and therefore the decision will be released for implementation following the call-in period and no call in being received

1. Cabinet date and copy resolution this key decision relates to

Cabinet Decision Notice – 14 March 2024

The Cabinet Decision Notice dated 14 March 2024 approved the following:

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport seeking approval to adopt the Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy.

Cabinet considered the recommendation from Economy Scrutiny Panel (27 February 2024) agreed for the EV Strategy specifically to capture the on-street parking requirements for residents in terrace or similar properties.

RESOLVED –

1. That the draft EV Strategy be adopted and approves its publication on the Council's website.

2. That the authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, to:

a: apply for and accept external grant funding that enables the delivery of the EV Strategy.

b: procure measures to allow for the delivery of projects identified in the EV Strategy.
c: award contracts for measures within the allocated budgets for the project and to carry out all activity to mobilise and fully implement.

3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute all documents in connection with the above.

4. That the EV Strategy specifically captures the on-street parking requirements for residents in terrace or similar properties.

REASONS FOR DECISION – The Governments Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) mandate requires a ban on the sale of new petrol/diesel cars and vans by 2035. This directly contributes to the UK's Transport Decarbonisation Plan (TDP) and wider Net Zero Carbon Strategy. To support this the North East Lincolnshire EV strategy seeks to address barriers to EV adoption by undertaking a programme of initiatives identified in the EV Strategy including increasing the number of publicly available EV charge points across the network.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – The option to not develop an EV strategy was considered but disregarded. The Government strongly encourages local authorities to produce a strategy and having a robust strategy is a requirement to access future DFT capital funding. The adoption of the strategy will also provide the blueprint by which the Council will take future projects forward and having a strategy is considered good practice.

<https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/assets/uploads/2023/06/12.-Decision-Notice-Cabinet-13th-March-2024-PDF-244KBicon-namepaperclip-prefixfa.pdf>

2. Subject and details of the matter (to include reasons for the decision)

Background

The Authority declared a climate emergency in 2019 and has stated a commitment to become net zero by 2040, for its own activities, and by 2050 for the Borough as a whole. The Authority is committed to facilitating the use of zero emission vehicles which it sees as being key to achieving its net zero goals.

The Government's On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) funding is intended to support the roll out of electric vehicle chargepoint infrastructure, in

residential areas which have little or no opportunity for private off-street charge points, such as terraced streets, thereby ensuring that on-street parking is not a barrier to realising the benefits of owning an Electric Vehicle (EV).

In October 2023, North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC) submitted a bid to the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV), with the proposal to introduce on-street Electric Vehicle Charge Points (EVCP), throughout residential areas within North East Lincolnshire. NELC were successful in the ORCS bid application and have been awarded a maximum of £49,450 in grant funding to support the delivery of the project.

Tender Exercise

An open tender procurement exercise for the proposed ORCS project has been conducted and completed under the Concession Contracts Regulation 2016.

Following the completion of the tender evaluation, Equans are seeking approval to award the contract to char.gy, to deliver electric vehicle charging infrastructure as part of the ORCS project.

3. Decision being taken

That the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Transport and Infrastructure, awards a 10-year contract (with the option to extend the contract for a further 5 years subject to satisfactory performance by the provider during the initial term and a review process by the Authority including a 5-year business plan submitted by the provider, such extension period to be at the Authority's discretion) to char.gy.

4. Is it an Urgent Decision? If yes, specify the reasons for urgency. Urgent decisions will require sign off by the relevant scrutiny chair(s) as not subject to call in.

No.

5. Anticipated outcome(s)/benefits

Award a 10-year contract to char.gy (with the option to extend the contract for a further 5 years subject to satisfactory performance by the provider during the initial term and a review process by the Authority including a 5-year business plan

submitted by the provider, such extension period to be at the Authority's discretion) to deliver electric vehicle charging infrastructure as part of the ORCS project.

6. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision (this should be similar to original cabinet decision)

Option 1 – Do nothing and return the ORCS funding to the funding body. This option is not recommended as it may conflict with the Governments Net Zero ambitions and the wider Government and Council agendas to decarbonise transport. Local Authorities have a key role to play in supporting the Governments ambition and deploying Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCi) can support the switch to electric vehicles.

Option 2 – Award the tender to char.gy for a 10-year contract (with the option to extend the contract for a further 5 years subject to satisfactory performance by the provider during the initial term and a review process by the Authority including a 5-year business plan submitted by the provider, such extension period to be at the Authority's discretion).

7. Background documents considered (web links to be included and copies of documents provided for publishing)

Cabinet Decision Notice 13 March 2024

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North East Lincolnshire Borough Council Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy

<https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/assets/uploads/2024/03/North-East-Lincolnshire-EV-Strategy-Final-Report-v1.0-a11y.pdf>

8. Does the taking of the decision include consideration of Exempt information? If yes, specify the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A and the reasons

No.

9. Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet Member who was consulted by the officer which relates to the decision (in respect of any

declared conflict of interest, please provide a note of dispensation granted by the Council's Chief Executive)

N/A

10. Monitoring Officer Comments (Monitoring Officer or nominee)

The decision is consistent with the will and expectation of Cabinet. A legally complaint procurement process has been conducted and supported by relevant officers.

11. Section 151 Officer Comments (Deputy S151 Officer or nominee)

The allocation of the £49,950 grant funding will be managed via the approved capital programme for this scheme. There will be no further funding contributions required from the council during the 10-year contract.

Potential profit-sharing arrangements will be agreed upon contract signing.

12. Human Resource Comments (Head of People and Culture or nominee)

There are no direct HR implications arising from the contents of this report.

13. Risk Assessment (in accordance with the Report Writing Guide)

The Council's ORCS funding aims to deliver on street electric vehicle charging infrastructure, supporting residents in making the switch the electric vehicles. In the event the Council are unable to award a contract to a CPO, the Council may have to return the ORCS funding and could potentially put future external funding available for electric vehicle infrastructure projects, at risk.

14. Has the Cabinet Tracker been updated with details of this decision?

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15. Decision Maker(s):

Name: Carolina Borgstrom

Title: Director of Economy,
Environment and Infrastructure

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: **3rd January 2025**

**16. Consultation carried out with
Portfolio Holder(s):**

Name: Cllr Stewart Swinburn

Title: Portfolio Holder for Housing,
Transport and Infrastructure

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 3rd January 2025

**17. If the decision is urgent then
consultation should be carried out
with the relevant Scrutiny
Chair/Mayor/Deputy Mayor**

Name:

Title:

Signed:

Dated: