

Single Member Cabinet Decision


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Reference

**E3202**

**Electric Vehicle Charging Network Inter-Authority  
Agreement**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Joanna Wright, Joint Cabinet Member for Transport
The Issue	<b>The 4 West of England authorities are creating a network of public charging points for Electric Vehicles. An Inter-Authority Agreement (IAA) has being drawn up to set out the terms by which the network shall be owned, managed, maintained and funded. This report seeks approval and sign off for this legal document on behalf of Bath and North East Somerset Council.</b>
Decision Date	Not before 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees to <b>Delegate approval to the Director of Environment to sign the Inter-Authority Agreement for the public electric vehicle charging network, on behalf of Bath and North East Somerset</b>
Rationale for decision	<p>An Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) has been drafted and signed by the other 3 Authorities to outline the arrangement for operation and management of electric charge points across the 4 authorities.</p> <p>B&amp;NES are required to also sign the IAA to allow for the successful operation of the electric vehicle charging network until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2029, if not terminated earlier.</p>
Financial and budget implications	<p>There is a deficit predicted for the first 4 years of the operation, (starting in 2020/21) which will be apportioned on a per point basis and payable on a quarterly basis. B&amp;NES share is forecast to be a cumulative total of £15K and the annual deficits will be managed through re-allocated budget as part of Car Parking Service Plan</p> <p>For risk management illustration, B&amp;NES exposure is our share of fixed costs before sales are generated. In year 1 (2020/21) this is £1,800 p.a., increasing from year 2 onwards from £15,500 p.a., as staff costs are no longer met by grant. These figures indicate the scale of the operation and will get reduced by sales proceeds net of variable costs.</p> <p>If the service is discontinued there would be a one-off charge of circa £25K payable by B&amp;NES. This sum is based on estimates provided by South Gloucestershire Council (which all UA's have accepted) for associated costs including removal of mountings, reinstatement, making safe the electricity supply and transportation of removed devices, specific to the type (e.g, wall/floor mounted and fast/rapid)</p>

	and multiplied by the number of planned points for B&NES.
<b>Issues considered</b>	Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Property; Corporate; Health & Safety; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations
<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	Cabinet colleagues; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
<b>How consultation was carried out</b>	<p>Consultation has been undertaken with Bath and North East Somerset sustainability team, parking team, and highways team, Bristol City Council, South Gloucestershire Council, and North Somerset Council.</p> <p>Through the Getting Around Bath Transport Strategy, the public were consulted with around three quarters of respondents (74%) supporting proposals to increase facilities for electric vehicles within the city.</p> <p>Legal, Procurement and Finance teams were consulted in the preparation of the report.</p>
<b>Other options considered</b>	<p>Not installing any additional charge points in The Authority area and returning the funding to the other 3 West of England Authorities. This is not advised, as it would disadvantage Bath and North East Somerset residents who are considering purchasing an electric vehicle. It fails to realise the opportunity to support a shift towards cleaner vehicles in The Authority area, and thereby would fail to reduce harmful emissions which currently contribute towards the AQMA in Bath.</p> <p>A private operating model was considered however at this stage of development the aim is to encourage greater use of electric vehicles. It was considered that EV is still in its infancy and needs to be developed. At this stage a single commercial company would not be able to provide a consistent, well maintained and managed network across the West of England that provided charging points at strategic locations to encourage use as opposed to maximise commercial gain.</p>
<b>Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:</b>	None
<b>Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:</b>	None

<b>Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s</b>	<b>Cllr Joanna Wright, Joint Cabinet Member for Transport</b>  
<b>Date of Signature</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
<b>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</b>	