

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Mike Haines

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(including Zero Heros)

SUBJECT: Electric Vehicles, Infrastructure and Ultra Low
Emission Vehicles Policy

PART I

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to approve the progress of an Electric Vehicles, Infrastructure and Ultra Low Emission Vehicles Policy

1. PURPOSE

The report seeks the views of Members on its contents prior to a wider consultation. The purpose of this policy is to allow the Council to direct time and resources to areas of influence.

2. BACKGROUND

The UK Government recently announced its plans to ban new diesel and petrol vehicles from sale in the UK from 2040. Due to this, vehicle manufacturers are working to advance technology in electric vehicles along with other alternative fuel vehicles and to build consumer interest.

The majority of vehicles on the streets of Teignbridge today run on either petrol or diesel fuel. However, following the publication of the governments "Road to Zero" document the situation will be changing. Petrol and diesel are known to cause pollution which is dangerous to public health and contributes to climate change.

Within the Council Strategy there are a number of strategic aims that support the Council in developing an Electric Vehicle, Infrastructure and Ultra Low Emission Vehicles Policy

- Work with partners to meet air quality standards – **Clean Scene**
- Support improvements to walking, cycling and public transport opportunities and other ways to reduce carbon emissions – **Great places to live and work**

- Exploring innovative schemes like electric vehicles, car clubs and community transport – **Moving up a gear**
- Examine the potential for electric vehicles for the council – **Zero Heroes**

These overall strategic aims will remain constant but the more detailed Electric Vehicle, Infrastructure and Ultra Low Emission Vehicles Policy will need to be periodically amended and updated to allow the policy to keep pace with the wider environment.

The proposed approach is to support the installation of electric vehicle infrastructure to maximise the benefits and opportunities that electric vehicles provide,

The proposed vision and actions are as follows;

We are committed to tackling climate change, reducing congestion and improving air quality. We will support local residents, businesses and visitors to our area who wish to use Electric Vehicles (EV's) or other Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEV's) by the following actions;

- Requiring all future residential development proposals (with off street parking) to be “electric ready” to accommodate EV charging.
- To install four E.V. charging points in council car parks in / or close to the Councils local Air Quality Management Areas for Newton Abbot and Teignmouth.
- To submit an application for workplace grant aid to install workplace charging points for staff at Forde House Council offices / Forde Road Vehicle Fleet Depot & Offices, Leisure Centres.
- To reviewing our vehicle fleet contract in 2021, to investigate the feasibility of replacing parts of the fleet with lower emission vehicles.
- To provide where feasible, E.V. charging points in Council carparks to augment and link-in with the wider strategic charging network, especially in the more remote yet popular locations and destinations.
- Within the Taxi licencing process develop a replacement policy that progressively lowers emission limit requirements for fossil fuelled cars and eventual replacement with Ultra Low Emission Vehicles.

3. MAIN IMPLICATIONS

This policy will allow officers to focus attention on the specific actions and signpost the public, members and local businesses for other areas of Electric Vehicle infrastructure or support. For example officers will not actively deliver projects for on street electric vehicle charging points.

4. GROUPS TO BE CONSULTED

The following internal service areas have been consulted on this draft policy document.

- Spatial Planning
- Parking
- Licensing
- Waste and Cleansing

Officers have also consulted with colleagues at Devon County Council.

Following consideration by members a wider public consultation will take place to inform the policy through the following channels;

- Web page
- Online survey
- Social media

5. WITNESSES TO BE CALLED

None.

6. TIME-SCALE

Following consideration by members the policy will be subject to a wider public consultation before being presented to Executive for approval.

7. CONCLUSION

The policy document seeks to provide clarity on how the Council will support the move away from petrol and diesel cars towards ultra-low emission vehicles and modes of transport.

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Wards affected	<i>All</i>
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Background Papers (For Part I reports only)	<i>None</i>
Key Decision	<i>No</i>
In Forward Plan	<i>No</i>
In O & S Work Programme	<i>Yes</i>