

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION NOTICES FROM THE MEETING OF CABINET HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2020

REF NO.	DECISION
C/050/29042020	Update on Financial Consequences of the Coronavirus Pandemic
C/051/29042020	Electric Vehicle Strategy and Charge Point Installation

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DECISIONS WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM
10.00 A.M. MONDAY, 11 MAY 2020 UNLESS
THE CALL-IN PROCESS IS APPLIED**

If a Councillor wishes to request a call-in of any of the decisions taken above, they will need to take the following steps in line with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules at Part 6 of the Constitution – Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Other)

They will need to:

- Submit their request in writing for a Call-In to the Group Head of Policy & Scrutiny and identify who will act as the lead Member of the Call-In
- Specify which decision is to be the subject of the Call-In
- Explain which of the criteria for the Call-In apply

**REFERENCE NO:
C/050/290402020**

URGENT DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 14.11 OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES	NO
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC	
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Coronavirus pandemic is a public health emergency as well as an economic emergency. The Council has a significant role in supporting those affected in the District, in addition to the effect on the Council's financial position. The purpose of this report was to raise awareness of the issues and to inform Members of the actions taken to date, whilst starting to evaluate the potential financial consequences.

DECISION:

The Cabinet

RESOLVED – That

- (1) The action taken and likely financial consequences contained in the report be noted; and
- (2) The continued lobbying of Central Government for additional funding be endorsed

REASON FOR THE DECISION:

To ensure that the Council has an initial understanding of the extremely volatile financial position it faces in 2020/21.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED:

There were no other options considered.

CABINET MEMBER(S):

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY CABINET MEMBER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION:

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED :

None

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED BY A CABINET MEMBER CONSULTED IN RESPECT OF THIS DECISION: None

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URGENT DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 14.11 OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES	NO
SUBJECT: ELECTRIC VEHICLE STRATEGY AND CHARGE POINT INSTALLATION	
OFFICER CONTACT: Nat Slade – Group Head of Technical Services 01903 737683 Nat.slade@arun.gov.uk	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report sought the approval for an Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy developed by West Sussex County Council. The Government has made it clear that a transition to EVs forms part of its approach to achieving net zero carbon by 2050. Sales of petrol and diesel engine cars have been banned from 2040 and there is a Government consultation on bringing that date forward to 2035 or 2032. One of the barriers to this transition is the availability of charge points. The proposed Strategy suggests that the Council support the take up of EVs by installing charge points on suitable Council owned car parks.

The County Council wants to work in collaboration with District and Borough Councils, as well as Parish Councils, to deliver a county wide network of charge points. To reduce the complexity of accessing the charge points the network would be run by one supplier. The charge points would be powered by renewable energy. The collaboration with the County Council would be via an Inter Authority Agreement. This would commit Arun District Council to add its suitable car parks to a county wide portfolio of sites within a procurement process to select a supplier to install electric vehicle charge points on its land.

DECISION:

The Cabinet

RESOLVED – That

- (1) The Electric Vehicle Strategy for 2019-2030 be approved;
- (2) The Council agrees to participate in the partnership approach to installing electric vehicle charge points on Arun District Council owned land; and
- (3) Delegated authority be given to the Group Head of Technical Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Technical Services and Neighbourhood Services, to enter into the Inter Authority Agreement and contract with a supplier following satisfactory completion of a West Sussex County Council led procurement process and to agree other matters in concluding the process of installing electric vehicle charge points on Arun District Council owned land.

REASON FOR THE DECISION:

To provide a framework for installing Electric Vehicle charge points across the District to support the take up of Electric Vehicles which in turn will contribute to a reduction in carbon emissions and improvement in local air quality.

Also, collaboration with West Sussex County Council will give access to a contract to install electric vehicle charge points on District Council owned land.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED:

The following options were outlined in the report but rejected:

- (1) The do-nothing option would leave the market to install charge points in the District. However, most areas of the District are not commercially attractive at present. Cities are attracting the most interest from private sector suppliers/installers. The latter are also less likely to provide charge points for residents in areas without the ability to charge at home. This is the main thrust of the proposed Strategy.
- (2) The Council could seek to both own and manage any new EV charge points. However, it does not have the resources, knowledge of skills for this. For example, a dedicated back office system is required to take payment from EV users charging at points.
- (3) Another option was for the Council to own the charge points but pay a third party to install and manage the points via a procurement process exclusively for Arun District Council. The main disadvantage with this approach is that significant capital investment would be required by the Council, equivalent to £367k in Year 1 to purchase and install EV charging points on each of the Council's main car parks, though the Council may be able to access part funding from an Office of Low Emission Vehicles grant scheme. Some suppliers offer a model where they cover all of the capital costs. However, this would be limited to commercially attractive sites. An initial investigation confirmed that only eleven of Arun District Council owned car parks are considered commercially attractive on this basis. If the Council owns the charge points it is responsible for paying for any faults that occur outside the maintenance contract. Experience with the existing charge points is that the income from the charge points is not at present high enough to offset these costs.
- (4) The Council could offer a concession contract for a contractor to install and manage the charge points without another public sector partner. Advice from the Energy Saving Trust is that the number of sites that the Council is offering is unlikely to attract a commercial partner. Also, this approach would not provide a cohesive charge point network across the County.

CABINET MEMBER(S):

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY CABINET MEMBER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION:

Councillors Oppler, Purchase and Dr Walsh declared a Personal Interest as Members of West Sussex County Council

Councillor Edwards [in attendance] also declared a Personal Interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.

Yes

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED :

None

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED BY A CABINET MEMBER CONSULTED IN RESPECT OF THIS DECISION: None

