

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Date Of Decision	<p>19th February 2013 - The Department for Transport (DfT) released notification of a £37 million fund to support installation of electric vehicle chargepoints</p> <p>30th April 2013 - Initial outline bid submitted to DfT. If successful, DfT will require detailed costings and project plans by the end of June 2013.</p>
Decision Maker	Ahmed Goga – Head of Economic Development, Planning and Sustainability
Brief Description Of Decision	<p>The decision was taken to submit an initial expression of interest to secure 75% (£450,000) funding to install up to 12 rapid electric vehicle chargepoints on or near to the strategic road network in Worcestershire, closely linked to the M5 and M42 corridors. The bid is aligned to that of Source West (Bristol City, South Gloucestershire & Gloucestershire County Councils), Bath & North East Somerset, Somerset County, Cornwall, Devon County and Dudley Borough Councils, to promote a rapid charge network along the M5 corridor, from Dudley and Worcestershire in the West Midlands right through to Cornwall. The aim of this being to support and facilitate longer car journeys throughout this significant geographical area.</p> <p>WCC will look to secure private sector investment for the remaining 25%. Staff have been in discussion with a number of private sector organisations in the EV industry who have made offers to part fund the remaining 25% towards the project, which the County Council plans to tender for.</p> <p>Worcestershire's project has an emphasis on enabling use of electric vehicles for business purposes as well as for general use. WCC will work with the LEP to further refine site selection in the light of business demand and most advantageous location with close proximity to motorway and other strategic routes.</p>
Reason(s) For Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully supports the Council's objectives under 'The Environment' key area of focus of the Council's Corporate Plan, whilst ensuring the County remains 'Open For Business'. To enable sustainable travel using electric vehicles by businesses and residents within Worcestershire and beyond - A network of rapid chargepoints will support the local economy by enabling businesses to use electric vehicles, ultimately reducing their fuel costs. The points will also facilitate trade links within and around neighbouring authorities and beyond. The project will help the County achieve some of its key

	<p>environmental objectives. Electric vehicles produce no localised pollution and are responsible for the emission of significantly less carbon dioxide than conventionally fuelled cars. The Worcestershire Partnership's refreshed draft Climate Change Strategy sets a county-wide carbon reduction target of 30% by 2020 (from 2005 levels).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the Environmental Aims of the County's Local Transport Plan (LTP3) is to reduce the adverse impacts of transport on local communities, with the desired outcome of reducing transport's contribution to climate change and wider environmental deterioration. This includes promotion and provision of facilitative charging infrastructure for electric vehicles in line with the Transport and Climate Change Policy and Air Quality Policy.
Alternative Options Considered And Rejected	<p>We considered applying for Plugged in Midlands (PiM) funding which is still available through the wider Plugged in Places scheme, however the package on offer from PiM is 60% grant funding for Local Authorities, as opposed to the 75% funding available from DfT. PiM is also a membership scheme, whereas the DfT grant is to be used to support 'pay-as-you-go' functionality rather than a closed membership scheme. The decision was taken to apply for DfT funding as it is more appropriate to our needs.</p>
Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted	<p>No</p>