

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
<b>Date:</b>	9 September 2024
<b>Title:</b>	Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund for On-street Residential Electric Vehicle Chargepoints
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Universal Services

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services gives approval to enter into the necessary arrangements with the Department for Transport (DfT), and delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to finalise and enter into any necessary agreements to enable the submission of the stage 2 application to the DfT for receipt of the County Council's allocation of £6,662,000 Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) grant fund to support Hampshire residents without off-street parking to switch to electric vehicles in line with Government policy to end the sale of petrol and diesel vehicles from 2030, and plug-in hybrids from 2035.
- 1.2. That the funding be allocated to the provision of on-street electric vehicle charging infrastructure (EVCI) in accordance with the arrangements with DfT for the LEVI grant fund.
- 1.3. That the sum of £6,662,000 is added to the Universal Services Capital Programme to fund the provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure in Hampshire over a five-year period.
- 1.4. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services gives approval to spend the County Council's allocation of £6,662,000 LEVI grant fund and delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services in consultation with the Head of Legal Services to procure and enter into contractual arrangements to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure through a deployment plan that focuses on post codes where households do not have off-street parking, and where infrastructure is anticipated to be required as a priority to support Hampshire residents to switch to electric vehicles.
- 1.5. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services in consultation with the Executive Member for Highways and Waste to approve and vary a Deployment Plan for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure in Hampshire, and to determine appropriate governance arrangements for the implementation of any changes to provide sufficient flexibility to respond to site access difficulties or changing

circumstances and enable the introduction of minor variations and projects to an approved annual programme.

- 1.6. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services further delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services to make arrangements to establish, alter, or remove electric vehicle chargepoints as a new highway asset type, in line with established practice for other highway assets.

## **2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1. The County Council has been allocated £6,662,000 of LEVI funding by DfT to pump-prime the deployment of EVCI and help support the transition to electric vehicles ahead of the proposed phasing out of the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans from 2030, and plug-in hybrids from 2035.
- 2.2 Over time, electric vehicle chargepoints are anticipated to become a standard highway asset requiring appropriately delegated authority to routinely determine their provision. The Universal Services Scheme of Authorisation provides the means for effective and efficient routine decision making and amending the Scheme of Authorisation to include electric vehicle chargepoints is considered a sensible provision.

## **3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. It would be possible to decline the County Council's allocation of £6,662,000 LEVI funding on the basis that the provision of EVCI is not a statutory responsibility and the associated costs of managing EVCI represent a potential revenue burden at a time when the Authority is seeking to minimise services to a legal minimum. This option has been rejected as the LEVI funding will significantly benefit Hampshire residents and opportunities exist to manage EVCI on a full cost recovery basis, minimising the risk of additional revenue costs.

## **4. Conflicts of interest:**

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

## **5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.**

## **6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

## **7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**9 September 2024**

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services  
Councillor Kirsty North**