

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Human Resources and Performance
<b>Date:</b>	17 March 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Electric Vehicle Purchasing Strategy
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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#### 1. The decisions:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Human Resources and Performance:
- 1.2 Approves the policy for Electric Vehicles to be the default purchase choice across the County Council for all eligible vehicles (i.e. vehicles for which there is a viable EV option available from the market).
- 1.3 Approves that a business case setting out the business requirements, and Departmental Management Team approval, would be required for the purchase of a fossil fuelled vehicle, where an EV option is available.

#### 2 Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The County Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency on 7 June 2019 reinforced its commitment to tackling climate change through reducing carbon emissions and reflects the work previously undertaken through the Hampshire 2050 Commission.
- 2.2 The County Council reports on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from its fleet vehicles and other business travel (grey fleet mileage). Therefore, it is necessary to address these emissions to meet its stated target of net zero emissions by 2050.

2.3 With nearly 8% of all UK vehicle sales now being pure EVs, it is appropriate that the County Council addresses its own fleet, to be consistent with its stated climate change targets.

2.4 The transition to EVs would be phased over a period of 7 years to 2028, with diesel vehicles only being replaced at the end of their lifecycle, thus ensuring the County Council avoids any unnecessary expenditure. Ongoing vehicle requirements continue to be kept under review.

2.5 The benefits of EVs are principally in their significantly reduced tailpipe emissions, compared with fossil fuelled vehicles, thus reducing the County Council's GHG emissions and contributing to better air quality. Additionally, since the County Council transitioned to renewable energy for its electricity, all EVs charged at County Council charge points, will also be reducing indirect GHG emissions, through their use of renewable energy.

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

3.1 None

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

**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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**17 March 2021**

**Councillor Stephen Reid  
Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Human  
Resources and Performance**