

SELECT COMMITTEE REVIEW: ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUTURE POLICY DIRECTION FOR THE BOROUGH

Committee name	Public Safety and Transport Select Committee
Officer reporting	Steve Clarke – Democratic Services
Papers with report	Appendix A – EV Review Scoping Report
Ward	All

HEADLINES

This item will act as the second witness session for the Select Committee’s review into Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure and Future Policy Direction for the Borough.

The aim of the review is to support the Cabinet and Council in developing its future policies with regard to EVs and EV infrastructure within the Borough; to explore how the Council has so far adapted to the transition to EVs, and how the Council’s own fleet, transportation and highways responsibilities may need to adapt moving forward. In addition to the Council’s own zero-carbon commitment and climate emergency declaration, this review would tie in with related deadlines set by central government such as the proposed ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans in the UK from 2030.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Select Committee use the second witness session of the review to enquire as to the existing demand for EV infrastructure and potential barriers stopping residents from transitioning to EVs.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The following witnesses will be present to take part in the information gathering session on 19 October 2021:

Alan Tilly	Transport and Aviation Team Manager	A key officer in the strategic development of the Council’s EV infrastructure approach.
Adam Heritage	Hillingdon Resident	A resident who is considering purchasing an EV but remains cautious due to the lack of EV charging infrastructure available.
Tom Campbell	Planning Policy Team Leader	At the Committee’s witness session on 21 September Members were minded to explore what Planning policies currently recommend or instruct developers to do around the provision of EV Charge Points within developments; whether this is adhered to by developers, what action is taken when it is not adhered to, and how/when the Council’s policy on this may be reviewed.

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Implications on related Council policies

A key role of Select Committees is to make recommendations on service changes and improvements to the Cabinet who are responsible for the Council's policy and direction.

The transition to Electric Vehicles is an area of policy currently under development by Cabinet Members and Council officers. The Committee's review, and findings thereof, will form an important part in guiding this policy development.

How this report benefits Hillingdon residents

Select Committees directly engage residents in shaping policy and recommendations to seek improvements to the way the Council provides services to residents.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

Legal Implications

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.