

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 Infrastructure Review Scoping Report
Ward	All

HEADLINES

This item will act as the third 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 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 ties 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.

The general theme of the third witness session will be to discuss future EV infrastructure requirements and discuss thoughts on the future of charging technologies. The review scoping report is attached as Appendix A to assist Members in their enquiries.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Select Committee use the third witness session of the review to enquire as to future EV infrastructure requirements and technological advancements in the sector.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The following witnesses will be present to take part in the information gathering session on 17 November 2021:

Cllr John Riley	Cabinet Member for Public Safety & Transport	The Committee invited the Cabinet Member for Public Safety & Transport to attend as a review witness to discuss thoughts on future EV infrastructure requirements and policy direction.
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Representatives from Qwello GmbH

“Qwello is an electric vehicle charging operator who recognise the challenge for local authorities to decarbonise and are keen to help. Qwello creates easy access and easy-to-use charging stations that are elegantly designed and expertly manufactured. Qwello are a

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German based company and have already helped to transform several European cities' electric vehicle charging landscape.”		
Qwello GmbH		
Martin Kinne	Operations Manager Qwello	Martin is leading the expansion of the company throughout Europe. Martin's background is within the technology and energy infrastructure sectors.
Brian Renwick	Qwello (UK Operations)	Brian's role is to establish Qwello in the UK. This means establishing and maintaining contact with local authorities to create a leading EV charging business throughout the UK.

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 and stakeholders 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.