

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

<b>Committee name</b>	Public Safety and Transport Select Committee
<b>Officer reporting</b>	Steve Clarke – Democratic Services
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A – EV Infrastructure Review: Minutes from previous meetings
<b>Ward</b>	All

## HEADLINES

As part of the Committee's review into EV infrastructure and future policy direction for the Borough, a number of witness sessions have been held, with witnesses attending to provide information and answer questions relating to the review.

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.

With witness sessions for the review now completed, the Committee is asked to discuss and provisionally agree potential recommendations to take forward in the final report to Cabinet. To assist Members with this, the minutes from the Committee's previous review items have been included as Appendix A.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

**That the Committee comment on and suggest potential recommendations to be included within the final report to Cabinet.**

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### Strategic Climate Action Plan

Hillingdon's Strategic Climate Action Plan sets out the Council's overarching plan to respond to the climate emergency. The plan details a clear and simple vision for Hillingdon and identifies the activities it will undertake in relation to the climate emergency declaration. These activities are guided by six corporate climate commitments and aligned to nine themed areas of activity set out in the plan. Theme 8 is in relation to Sustainable Transportation; within this theme is strategic objective C8.6 – "To develop an electric vehicle charging action plan that will commit to increasing the availability of electric charging points across the Borough."

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Through its previous witness sessions, the Select Committee has heard about the Council's current moves towards EV charge point provision and procuring a provider for EV charge points but the Committee may wish to further endorse the strategic objective C8.6 in its review findings.

## **Fleet Vehicles**

Although the Select Committee's review has been more outward facing, the review scoping report references the Council's own fleet of vehicles. The following information has been provided by the Council's Fleet Manager to update the Committee on the Council's current fleet and the intentions going forward.

At present there are:

3 x Fully Electric Pool Cars

5 x Self Charging Hybrid Pool cars

5 x Fully Electric small size vans on order

271 x Diesel Internal Combustion Engine powered vehicles.

The plans are to replace all diesel powered vehicles 3.5T and smaller with electric vehicles before the 2030 ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel powered cars. The challenges with larger heavy goods vehicles are the purchase price and the charging infrastructure required. For example, a diesel powered Dennis Eagle 26T Refuse Collection Vehicle is £159K and the equivalent EV version is £480K and is only designed to travel at 38mph.

## **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**

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

[Hillingdon Strategic Climate Action Plan](#)

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