

SELECT COMMITTEE REVIEW: ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUTURE POLICY DIRECTION FOR THE BOROUGH – DRAFT FINAL REPORT

Committee name	Public Safety and Transport Select Committee
Officer reporting	Steve Clarke, Democratic Services
Papers with report	EV Infrastructure Review - Draft Final Report
Ward	N/A

HEADLINES

The Select Committee has been undertaking a major review into Electric Vehicles, EV Infrastructure and Future Policy Direction for the Borough. Following agreement of the review's recommendations to Cabinet, a draft final report has been prepared for the Committee's consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Public Safety and Transport Select Committee:

- 1) Agrees the draft final report and recommendations in principle and endorses its submission to Cabinet for due consideration; and**
- 2) Delegates any minor drafting changes required prior to the report's submission to Cabinet to the Democratic Services Officer, in consultation with the Chairman.**

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The agreed Terms of Reference for the review are set out below:

1. To understand the Council's current stance with regard to the prospective uptake in the use of Electric Vehicles (EV) and requirement for specific EV infrastructure;
2. To explore the national setting and initiatives undertaken by other local authorities to facilitate future EV infrastructure;
3. To understand the growing demand for EVs and explore any limitations residents may encounter in accessing suitable EV requirements;
4. To explore future evolutions with regard to EV battery and charging technology;
5. To investigate what grant funding may be available to local authorities relating to EV infrastructure;

6. To influence or propose any emerging Council plans, guidance or policies with respect to the future of EV use and the Borough's transportation and highways infrastructure;
7. Subject to the Committee's findings, to make any conclusions, propose actions, service and policy recommendations to the decision-making Cabinet.

Review update

At the Public Safety and Transport Select Committee meeting on 9 June 2021, it was agreed that the Committee's first major review would focus on Electric Vehicles and EV infrastructure. Further to this agreement, Members conducted a detailed review of the chosen topic.

The information gathered has now been set out within the attached draft final report, alongside the recommendations that were discussed at the meeting on 18 January 2022. It is requested that the Committee consider the draft final report for endorsement to Cabinet.

Should any minor drafting changes to the report be suggested by the Committee at the meeting or otherwise prior to submission to Cabinet, the Committee is requested to delegate authority for this to the Democratic Services Officer in consultation with the Chairman. The purpose of this would be to enable minor textual or formatting changes only and not to alter significantly the main body of the report or its recommendations.

How this report benefits Hillingdon residents

None at this stage, pending any findings approved by Cabinet.

Financial Implications

The Committee's review recommendations are not expected to lead to any significant financial implications and are primarily aimed at supporting the Council in developing its future policies with regard to Electric Vehicles and EV infrastructure within the Borough. However, a full financial review of the recommendations will be undertaken as part of the standard reporting process to Cabinet.

Legal Implications

None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure and Future Policy Direction for the Borough Review Scoping Report

Previous Committee papers on the review published on the Council's website