

# OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE PUBLISHED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that the following decision(s) have been made today by Cabinet Members at the London Borough of Hillingdon:

Title of decision	EXPANDING EV CHARGING POINTS ACROSS THE BOROUGH: Hillingdon's participation in a collaborative procurement for the supply, installation and maintenance of electric vehicle charge points
Reference No.	1427
Date of decision	Wednesday 04 June 2025
Call-in expiry date	Wednesday 11 June 2025
Relevant Select	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure Select Committee
Committee	
Relevant Wards	All Wards

### **Decision made**

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Ian Edwards, Leader of the Council Councillor Steve Tuckwell, Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing & Growth
Decision	<b>Approved</b>
	That the Leader of the Council, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing & Growth agreed:
	1. To the Council's acceptance of Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure ("LEVI") funding provided by the Office of Zero Emission Vehicles ("OZEV") in the sum of £1,250,000 for the procurement of additional on-street electric vehicle charge point infrastructure within Hillingdon, and entry into the associated funding agreement;
	<ol> <li>A budget virement to create a new capital project budget, fully funded by the LEVI grant, and to increase the control total for the capital programme budget accordingly;</li> </ol>
	3. The Council's participation in a collaborative procurement exercise with the five other London boroughs set out in the report, for a Charge Point Operator(s) to supply, install, operate and maintain up to 1,673 electric vehicle charge points across Hillingdon;

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- 4. The London Borough of Ealing act as the lead authority for the collaborative procurement and that its Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be used for the collaborative procurement process;
- 5. That, following the above pan-Borough procurement exercise, authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing & Growth, to make any necessary decisions, including on the contract, the release of the grant's capital funds on the project, and the siting of charging points with the successful bidder(s) to provide up to 1,673 on-street electric vehicle charge points across Hillingdon; and
- 6. Notwithstanding the above, that the signing of any agreements be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place in full consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing and Growth and be subject to the following conditions:
  - a. The Council retains sole authority over the final siting and location of all charge points within the borough, with these to be agreed between the Corporate Director and Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing and Growth;
  - b. The Council retains control and allocation of all parking revenue generated from EV charging locations within Hillingdon, with the ability to include Hillingdon First discounts; and
  - c. The Council retains full control over the development, implementation and future amendment of Hillingdon's EV charging strategy, including decisions on the type, speed, and location of chargers.

#### Reason for decision

Subject to final sign-off, this report is making recommendations to Cabinet Members to progress with Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) funding and for Hillingdon to be a participate in the collaborative tender, led by the lead borough, LB Ealing as part of a borough partnership for EV charging points.

The LEVI Programme supports local authorities in England to work with the charge point industry to improve the rollout and commercialisation of local charging infrastructure.

These public charge points will help residents who do not have off-street parking and yet need to charge their electric vehicles (EVs).

The objectives of the LEVI Capital Fund are to deliver a stepchange in the deployment of local, primarily low-power, onstreet charging infrastructure across England and accelerate the commercialisation of and investment in the local charging infrastructure sector

#### The LEVI fund includes:

- Capital funding to contribute to the costs of delivering charge points.
- Capability funding for local authorities to employ and train new staff specifically to plan and deliver charge point infrastructure.

The LEVI capital funding of £37.5 million has been made available to all London councils to deliver electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Electric vehicle infrastructure ('EVI') in the Borough is considerably behind in terms of implementing the infrastructure, as an outer London borough, this has not been a high priority in the past. The borough has a high level of private vehicle usage due to a lack of public transport options for residents; there is therefore a case to substantially increase EVI in order to meet future demand while also encouraging residents to adopt electric vehicles.

To progress this at a larger economy of scale, Cabinet Members are being requested to join forces with other London boroughs, with Ealing undertaking and leading on procurement of a successful supplier across the borough. Delegated authority to sign any final agreement is also advised to ensure the Council retains control over the siting of charge points, parking revenue, and the EV charging strategy within Hillingdon. This includes decisions on the type, speed, and location of chargers, as well as the ability to offer Hillingdon First discounts.

# Alternative options considered and rejected

The Borough experiences a range of transport and related challenges, including long-standing issues around congestion, air quality and road safety, as well as growing problems around public health inequalities and climate change. A key priority for the Council is to enable greener and more active and sustainable travel choices, with a particular emphasis on encouraging journeys to be completed by walking, cycling and public transport, thereby reducing the number of journeys completed by private motor vehicles. Facilitating the take-up of

	zero/low-emission vehicles through expansion of the charging infrastructure for electric vehicles addresses some of the key concerns about range and is central to achieving the abovementioned priority of achieving a greener Hillingdon.
	Fuel use and emissions from road transport are one of the key sources of CO2 emissions in Hillingdon. The Council's Strategic Climate Action Plan set out in Key Theme 2 - Transport, that petrol and diesel road journeys will have at least halved by 2030, whilst residents' journeys by walking, cycling or public transport should have increased. Many of Hillingdon's drivers have already changed from a petrol or diesel car or van to an electric vehicle (EV).
	One of the Borough Plan's five specific priorities to build a Better Hillingdon is to build 'A cleaner, more considerate Hillingdon'. Further expansion of the borough's EV charging infrastructure to support the continued transition from petrol and diesel vehicles to EVs will help achieve this.
Classification	Part I – Public
Link to associated report	<u>Here</u>
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Roy Thabrew – Place Directorate
Any interest declared	N/A
by the Cabinet	
Member(s) /	
dispensation granted	

## Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in

[Internal Use only]		
When can this decision be implemented by	Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is:	
officers?	5pm on Wednesday 11 June 2025	
	However, this is subject to the decision not being called in by Councillors on the relevant Select Committee. Upon receipt of a valid call-in request, Democratic Services will immediately advise the relevant officer(s) and the decision must then be put on hold.	
Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision	Councillors on the relevant Select Committee shown in this notice may request to call-in this decision. The request must be before the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period above.	
	Councillors should use the Scrutiny Call-in App (link below) on their devices to initiate any call-in request. Further advice can be sought from Democratic Services if required:	
	Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps (secure)	

#### **Further information**

These decisions, where applicable, have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

This is the formal notice by the Council of the above executive decision, including links to the reports where applicable.

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