

Council – 21st March 2023
Recommendation from Cabinet
14th February 2023

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 14th February 2023

Present:

Members:

Councillor G Duggins (Chair)
Councillor AS Khan (Deputy Chair)
Councillor R Brown
Councillor K Caan
Councillor P Hetherton
Councillor M Mutton
Councillor J O'Boyle
Councillor K Sandhu
Councillor P Seaman
Councillor D Welsh

Non-Voting Deputy
Cabinet Members:

Councillor P Akhtar
Councillor G Hayre
Councillor G Lloyd

Non-Voting Opposition
Members:

Councillor G Ridley
Councillor P Male

Other Non-Voting
Members:

Councillor N Akhtar
Councillor J Clifford
Councillor R Lakha

Employees (by Service):

Interim Chief Executives

B Hastie (Interim Chief Executive (Section 151 Officer)),
K Nelson (Interim Chief Executive (Chief Operation Officer))

Business, Investment
and Culture

D Hope; K Mawby

Finance

P Jennings

Law and Governance J Newman (Chief Legal Officer), M Salmon

Transportation and
Highways S Evans, J Seddon

Apologies: Councillor B Gittins
Councillor R Singh

Public Business

87. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

RECOMMENDATION

91. Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure - Procurement

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Transportation and Highways, which would also be considered at the meeting of Council on 21st March 2023, that sought approval to make bid submissions to the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) for up to £5m from the funding portfolio set aside to facilitate rollout of electric vehicle charging units and associated infrastructure.

This investment would enable the Council to further enhance charging facilities in Coventry and maintain its position as the best city in the UK in which to own an electric vehicle. The Council had already secured £2.8 million funding from OZEV between 2019 and 2022 under the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure funding initiative ("EVCI"), leading to a network of 568 chargers, with a further 157 being operational by January 2023, taking the total to 721 chargers capable of charging 959 electric vehicles at any one time. This represented the largest network of any city outside London.

To deliver this network, Coventry City Council had so far entered into two Contracts to provide, install, maintain, and operate charge points under the EVCI scheme. However, the Council had now reached the maximum expenditure permitted under the current contracts, meaning it was necessary to procure another electric vehicle charge point supplier.

The Council published a tender on 22 November 2022 to procure a charge point operator to deliver further residential charge points across the city via a concession contract to ensure readiness where the Council was successful in securing further funding from OZEV.

Cabinet agreed to recommend that Council:

- 1) Delegates authority to the Director of Transportation and Highways, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for City Services and the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, to submit bids to

OZEV for up to £5m EVCI funding and, if successful, to finalise the terms of, and enter into, the relevant legal agreements (including the procured concession agreement) as well as any associated documents deemed necessary.

- 2) Delegates authority to the Director of Transportation and Highways, following consultation with the Ward Members and Cabinet Member for City Services and the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, to approve charging point locations across the City.
- 3) Adds any successful funding bids up to £5million to the Council's capital programme.

RESOLVED that Council is recommended to:

- 1) Delegates authority to the Director of Transportation and Highways, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for City Services and the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, to submit bids to OZEV for up to £5m EVCI funding and if successful to finalise the terms of, and enter into, the relevant legal agreements (including the procured concession agreement) as well as any associated documents deemed necessary.**
- 2) Delegates authority to the Director of Transportation and Highways, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for City Services and the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change to approve charging point locations across the City.**
- 3) Agrees to add any successful funding bids up to £5million to the Council's capital programme.**