



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9th DECEMBER 2021

**UPDATE REPORT ON ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING
STRATEGY & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &
COMMUNICATIONS**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with the opportunity to consider the report which Cabinet received at its meeting on the [15th November 2021](#) in relation to the work undertaken in developing a Council Strategy for Electric Vehicle Charging (EVC) and how it relates to the wider RCT Council Net Zero and Carbon Reduction commitments.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:-

- 2.1 Acknowledge the report and appendices (attached) and the adoption of the [strategy](#) and its formal publication on the Council website, following consideration of the outcome of the public consultation undertaken;
- 2.2 Express their views on the Council's Strategy for Electric Vehicle Charging (EVC) and wider engagement via the RCT Council Net Zero and Carbon Reduction commitments;

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee has the opportunity to consider the report before them, to comment on the Council Strategy for Electric Vehicle Charging (EVC) and the development of the Implementation Plan (and associated action plan) in association with the wider Council carbon reduction commitments.

- 3.2 In line with the work of the Overview & Scrutiny working group to consider ‘the development of Infrastructure to support low carbon vehicle ownership in Rhondda Cynon Taf’ and the formulation of ten recommendations and its recent engagement on the wide-ranging consultation exercise which contributed to the Council’s draft Climate Change Strategy 2021-2025.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The attached Cabinet report sets out the timeline and work undertaken by the Electric Vehicle Charging and Transportation Working Group which led to the approval and publication of the Council’s Strategy which is a fundamental element of the development of an electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the County Borough.
- 4.2 Details of the internal and public consultations with stakeholders conducted via email and through the Council’s engagement website, ‘Let’s Talk RCT’ are set out at paragraph 4.2 of the report and attached as Appendix 1B. Following the consultation process, the final draft was published on 22nd October.
- 4.3 The Cabinet report also sets out the detail around the Implementation Plan and its purpose which is to provide ‘clear guidance and advice on the requirements for the development of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, across the County Borough’. The draft ‘Implementation Plan’ is currently undergoing internal consultation.
- 4.4 Members will note that the updated Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is included as Appendix 1A and its ten clear ambitions are identified at 5.3 of the attached report.
- 4.5 The Director of Director of Corporate Estates will be in attendance at the meeting to provide Members with an update on the work undertaken in developing a Council Strategy for Electric Vehicle Charging (EVC) following the formal consultation undertaken and how the proposed strategy relates to the wider RCT Council Net Zero and Carbon Reduction commitments.

5. THE ROLE OF SCRUTINY

- 5.1 It is proposed that Scrutiny will continue to receive reports and information on this matter in the future with the delivery of the Implementation plan and associated action plan and the development of an electric vehicle charging infrastructure within the County Borough and in the context of the Council’s wider commitment to become a ‘Carbon-Free Council’ by 2050.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no equality and diversity implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no financial and resource implications as part of this report which is for information purposes only.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

8.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

9. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.

9.1 The Well-being of Future Generations Act asks public bodies to work better with people, communities and each other to meet the Sustainable Development principle. The Council's approach to the implementation of the Act agreed by Cabinet is to make sure that its requirements are embedded into the everyday business.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 It is proposed that as the Council's overarching Scrutiny Committee, and in line with its terms of reference, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee has the opportunity to consider the attached reports and engage with this matter as developments progress.