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**CLIMATE CHANGE, FRONTLINE SERVICES & PROSPERITY SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

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**UPDATE REPORT ON THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STRATEGY,
“IMPLEMENTATION PLAN”**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE ESTATES IN DISCUSSION WITH
THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE & CORPORATE SERVICES**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek Committee’s comments to be forwarded onto Climate Change Cabinet Sub Committee, in respect of the contents Electrical Vehicle Charging ‘Implementation Plan’ and associated ‘Action Plan’.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Endorse the Implementation Plan and Associated Action Plan for submission to the next Climate Change Cabinet Sub Committee.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To enable the completion of the final stages in the development and publication of the Council’s Strategy and Implementation Plan for Electric Vehicle Charging.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In April 2021 the Electric Vehicle Charging and Transportation Sub Group was set up, comprising officers from across all Service Groups, under the leadership of the Corporate Estates Energy and Carbon Reduction Team. This group has now held a series of meetings throughout 2021 and 2022.
- 4.2 The initial task of the group was to produce two crucial pieces of work, deemed fundamental to the development of an electric vehicle charging infrastructure within the County Borough.
- 4.3 The first piece of work was the development of a Strategy to cover the future of EV charging infrastructure. This lays out the aspirations of the Council and sets the scene for future development of EV Charging that is under our remit. This Strategy was presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9 December 2021 and was then published on the Council's website in January 2022.
- 4.4 Following the publication of the Strategy, work continued on an Implementation Plan in consultation with all relevant service areas and the wider working group. Officers have been engaged in the development of both the Implementation Plan itself and other supporting documents, which will be appended to the Implementation Plan.
- 4.5 In the Overview and Scrutiny meeting held on 9 December 2021, it was agreed that the Implementation Plan would be presented for pre-scrutiny prior to it going forward for approval. The Implementation Plan is now due to be presented to the Climate Change Cabinet Sub Committee on 3 October 2022 and pre-scrutiny comments are welcomed.

5.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5.1 Whilst the purpose of the Strategy is to inform and set out the Council's aspirations, the Implementation Plan is intended to provide further guidance and advice on the requirements for the development of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, across the County Borough, including:
 - The Public
 - The Council's Fleet
 - Other Service Areas
 - Community Groups
 - Businesses
 - Staff Charging Facilities
- 5.2 The Implementation Plan (Appendix 'A') also comprises an 'Action Plan' (Appendix 'B') which states clear goals for the Council to aspire towards, including short, medium and long-term targets in the transition to the use of electric vehicles. This is a 'Public Facing' Action Plan (in PDF format) and the milestones contained therein are linked to the Council's 'Climate Change Strategy'. The Council will use this to monitor improvements in the delivery of charging infrastructure by providing updates on progress against the Action Plan. This will include:

- The number of electric vehicle charge points installed across the County Borough.
- The number of ULEV owned across the County Borough.
- The proportion of electric vehicles within the Council's owned fleet.
- The number of enquiries from members of the public regarding EV charge point installations.

5.3 The Group have also compiled an accompanying 'Internal Delivery Plan' (IDP), which has been approved by the Council's Senior Leadership Team and is retained for internal use with actions identified across Service Groups. The purpose of the IDP is to support the other two documents in providing actions and milestones for all Service Areas of the Council, with the named Officers and Service Areas responsible for the delivery of each task / milestone clearly identified.

5.4 In support of delivering the 'Ambitions' set out within the published 'EV Charging Strategy', the commitments set out in the Council's Climate Change Strategy and the successful roll out of charging infrastructure across the County Borough, the IDP details the following information:

- Action description
- Action reference number
- Sub-action/ Milestone
- Sub-action/ Measure reference number
- Delivery Date
- Responsible Service Area
- Accountable Officer
- Service Area Responsible

5.5 The Council recognises the need to establish a recommended order of processes that installers should follow in the delivery of charging infrastructure. As such, these steps will be identified and summarised in the form of a Delivery Model applicable to off-street charging. Using this model will ensure the necessary processes are adhered to in supporting the delivery of charging infrastructure across the County Borough. In conjunction with this, a Pre-Installation Checklist of questions to consider will be developed with the aim of guiding installers through the installation process and whilst this is included as a milestone in the Delivery Plan, it is already substantially developed, and an example of what this may look like is included in Appendix 'C'.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS/SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

6.1 A Socio-Economic Impact Assessment was completed in the development of the Council's EVC Strategy and as the Implementation Plan is a supporting document to the main document (already published) the commitments made therein equally apply.

7. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

7.1 A Welsh Language Impact Assessment was completed in the development of the Council's EVC Strategy and as the Implementation Plan is a supporting document to the main document (already published) the commitments made therein equally apply.

8. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 8.1 There are no further consultation requirements at present with regards to this supporting report.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 9.1 There are no current financial requirements at present with regards to this supporting report.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 10.1 There are no legal implications aligned to this report.

11. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.

- 11.1 Any future actions that arise as a result of these plans will take full regard to the seven national wellbeing goals.

12. STRATEGIC OR RELEVANT TO ELECTORAL WARDS

- 12.1 Publication of the Electrical Vehicle Charging 'Implementation Plan' and associated 'Action Plan', will be relevant to all electoral wards.

13. CONCLUSION

- 13.1 The work underway on the completion of the Strategy and Implementation Plan for Electrical Vehicle Charging should be recognised as an essential element of the Council's wider Carbon Reduction commitments.
- 13.2 The Group's work on the Implementation and Action Plan should continue to its conclusion via submission to the Climate Change Cabinet Sub Committee.

Other Information: -

Appendices are as follows:

Appendix 'A': Implementation Plan

Appendix 'B': Action Plan (Public Facing)

Appendix 'C': Pre-Installation Checklist (Example Only)

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