



Transport & Infrastructure Committee

26 June 2024

Title:	Electric Vehicles Strategy and Funding
Report of:	Emma White, Acting Transport Strategy and Policy Manager
Lead Member:	Anna Smith
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangements:	No vote required

Recommendations:

A	Take note of the progress on Electric Vehicles (EVs) and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure including the outcomes of the Electric Vehicles and Charging Point Survey
B	To note that an initial draft strategic Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) business case will be submitted to Energy Saving Trust on 19 July 2024.

Strategic Objective(s):

The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):

X	Increased connectivity
X	Enabling resilient communities

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The Electric Vehicles (EV) scope fits under all the strategic objectives as it aims to:

- Sustainable transport is a key priority for improving connectivity and enabling resilient communities;
- EV uptake will contribute towards reduction in emissions and contribute towards decarbonising transport; and
- Journey towards developing charging infrastructure accessible for all (remove barrier for adoption of EVs).

1. Purpose

1.1	This paper seeks to provide an update on the work on Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Electric Vehicles and LEVI fund.
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2. Proposal

2.1	This paper provides an update on the work undertaken to date on Electric Vehicles and LEVI fund. . Information on the LEVI fund is available via the following links - https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-local-ev-infrastructure-levi-funding and Local electric vehicle infrastructure fund - Energy Saving Trust .
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3. Background

3.1 Capability Fund

On 21 February 2023, the Government launched the £8 million Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Capability Fund for Local Authorities across England. In addition, the Government is looking to expand the pilot scheme that will equip Local Authorities with the skills and ambition to scale up their plans for a future Charging Strategy. The funding will help Local Authorities to work in tandem with private business and charge-point operators to drive the sustainable growth of local networks, building and utilising their collective knowledge and expertise to deliver the most ambitious charge-point plans for their area.

The LEVI Fund has 2 main objectives:

- Deliver a step-change in the deployment of local, primarily low power, on-street charging infrastructure across England; and
- Accelerate the commercialisation of, and investment in, the local charging infrastructure sector.

In March 2023, the Transport and Infrastructure Committee and Combined Authority Board took note and commented on the draft Electric Vehicle Implementation Strategy, approved the East Anglian Alternative Fuel Strategy, and approved the drawdown of the £88,560 from the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Capability Fund. In September 2023 a further £403,440 was approved of the LEVI Capability Fund.

The national Capability Fund looks to achieve the following:

- Complete the draft and Finalise EV Strategy;
- Establish EV Infrastructure Governance;
- Training – EVI training – 10-week course (EST/OZEV);
- Engagement – constituent Councils, members, public and other key stakeholders;
- Market testing;
- Consultancy work – mapping / site selection / branding;
- Procurement – Combined Authority wide procurement exercise - PCC leading on procurement (includes procurement strategy and documents);
- Establish EV Commercial information;
- Development of 5-year Delivery Plan;
- Staff capacity to deliver installed and commissioned charging infrastructure; and
- Work towards application for Capital Fund – Business case (£5,437,000).

3.2 Capital Fund – for infrastructure

In March 2023, an indicative allocation to the Combined Authority was made of up to £5,437,000 capital under the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund.

The Combined Authority were assigned a Tranche 2 status that therefore means that a business case submission is required by 12th July 2024. A high-level initial business case will be submitted to adhere to this deadline, following its submission, we will work with constituent Councils on the development of various workstreams. The Combined Authority will provide an update at July Transport and Infrastructure Committee on these workstreams including engagement with members going forward.

3.3 Electric Vehicle and Charging Infrastructure Survey

The Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure survey went out for engagement between 12th February 2024 and 27th March 2024. The survey aimed to collate the views on the future of electric vehicles (EVs) and how best to meet the demand for more charging points in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Overall, there was 631 responses were received.

Full report of the survey is shown in Appendix A.

4. Appendices

4.1 Appendix A - Electric Vehicle and Charging Infrastructure Survey

5. Implications

Financial Implications

5.1 N/A

Legal Implications

5.2 N/A

Public Health Implications

5.3 The report recommendations have a positive implication for public health. Electric Vehicles are a core part of reducing emissions and aiding in improving air quality which has a significant health impact.

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

5.4 The report recommendations have a positive implication for the environment and climate change. This work aims to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Other Significant Implications

5.5 N/A.

Background Papers

5.6 [Combined Authority Board 20th September 2023](#)

[Transport & Infrastructure Committee 17th January 2024](#)