

REPORT TO INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 12 MARCH 2020

RECOVERY OF COSTS FOR OPERATION OF EV CHARGE POINTS

1 Reason for Report / Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to clarify the decision of Infrastructure Services Committee held on 28 November 2019 relating to item 11 – Recovery of Costs for Operation of EV Charge Points.

2 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 **Note the issue arising from the decision by the Committee at its meeting on 28 November 2019 in relation to Item 11 – Recovery of Costs for Operation of EV Charge Points as detailed in this report; and**
- 2.2 **Agree to suspend Standing Order 7.2 in order to alter the Committee's decision of 28th November 2019 to reflect Option C as the preferred option.**

3 Purpose and Decision Making Route

- 3.1 At the meeting of Infrastructure Services Committee on 28th November 2019, the committee considered a report relating to the Recovery of Costs for Operation of EV Charge Points:

[Recovery of Costs for Operation of EV Charge Points](#)

- 3.2 The decision of the Committee was to agree the recommendations of the report, however after this was agreed, clarification from a member of the Committee was sought on which option had been agreed to which it was confirmed that Option B had been approved.
- 3.3 The recommendation of the report was Option C and therefore the purpose of this report is to seek clarification as to which option was approved.
- 3.4 The Committee is asked to suspend Standing Order 7.2 in order to alter the decision as it was taken within the last six months.

4 Discussion

- 4.1 Officers are progressing the implementation of a mechanism to recover the operational costs of using the electric vehicle (EV) charge points from customers in Aberdeenshire.
- 4.2 As part of this process the minute of the meeting of ISC on 28th November 2019 was reviewed recently and it was noted that the recorded decision of the

committee was different from the recommendations of the report. The minute of the meeting is accurate and it states:

- to approve Option B – A Fixed Rate, Plus Costs: A fixed rate is charged to use the charge point, and customers would also be charged per unit of electricity consumed.

4.3 Reviewing the recording of the committee, it is noted that the committee agreed recommendations of the report which were:

- Consider the information in this report relating to the current costs associated with operating the public EV charge points in Aberdeenshire;
- Consider and agree the recommended charge of £0.21 per kWh to allow for recovery of costs associated with the operation of public EV charge points; and
- Delegate the authority to vary the rate cost associated with the recovery of costs of operating the EV charge network to the Head of Transportation in line with the method described in the report to reflect any variation in the transaction or energy costs.

4.4 Sections 4.5 and 4.6 of the original report highlight the options (A-C) that were considered by Officers and that the recommendation of £0.21 per kWh is based on Option C which is then described in detail in the rest of the report.

4.5 Following agreeing the recommendations of the report, clarity was sought by a member of the committee as to which of the options of the report had been agreed to which it was confirmed Option B, which was recorded accurately in the minute.

4.6 Clarity is therefore sought on whether the committee has agreed the recommendation of the original report or if the committee approved Option B listed in section 4.5 of the original report.

5 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

5.1 This report helps deliver Council Priority 2 - Have the best possible transport and digital links across our communities; and

This report helps deliver Council Priority 11 - Protect our special environment, including tackling climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions

5.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed.

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial			X
Staffing			X
Equalities			X
Fairer Scotland Duty			X

Town Centre First			X
Sustainability			X
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing			X

- 5.3 The original report to Infrastructure Services Committee on 28 November 2019 provided details of the risks and implications and the decision associated with this report will not have any further risk or implications.

6 Scheme of Governance

- 6.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments are incorporated within the report and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.
- 6.2 The Committee are able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section F.1.1 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to the Transportation and Roads functions of the Council.
- 6.3 In terms of Standing Order 7.2 no motion which seeks to alter or revoke a previous decision of the Committee or has that effect will be considered within a period of 6 months of the original decision unless certain criteria apply which are not applicable in this case. The Committee is therefore recommended to suspend Standing Order 7.2 in order to alter its decision of 28 November 2019 in accordance with the recommendations in this report.

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