

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 20th August 2020 by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Development.

Date notified to all members: 20th August 2020.

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on 26 August 2020

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from 27th August 2020.

1. **TITLE**

Electric Van Centre of Excellence Project – Revenue

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

To approve up to £353,773 revenue expenditure, funded through an 'Invest to Save' model, to support the Electric Van Centre of Excellence project.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

1. The option proposed (30 vehicles plus public rapid chargers to support the scheme with revenue provided through 'Invest to Save') maximises benefits to air quality and carbon emission reductions whilst being able to accommodate the vehicles in house, resulting in a stronger proposal which could be produced within the bid timescales.
2. The funding is appropriate to support the Council's ambition of improving air quality in Sheffield.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

Sheffield City Council considered the following options:

Option 1 – Not applying for the Electric Van Centre of Excellence funding and so having no revenue resource requirement. This was discounted as the Council has a requirement to improve Sheffield's air quality.

Option 2 – Bid for a smaller scheme (20 vehicles) and no public chargers, reducing the revenue resource requirement. This was discounted as less ambitious, air quality improvements would be lower and Invest to Save case weaker.

Option 3 – Bid for a larger scheme (60 vehicles) plus public chargers. This would have required the purchase of additional land to store the vehicles, and would be likely to require operation by an external provider. This was less likely to receive

support from Highways England due to less certain deliverability, much longer implementation timescale (for land purchase) and a lack of revenue funding (no longer 'invest to save' as exceeds capacity to incorporate into fleet)

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Director of City Growth

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee