

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 09 June 2023 by the Director of Investment, Climate Change and Planning.

Date notified to all members: 6 July 2023

1. **TITLE**

Capital Grant Offer Acceptance for On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) by the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV)

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

- (a) The Council becoming the accountable body and accepting up to £84,230 of grant funding, and
- (b) The Council entering into a grant funding agreement with the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV).

3. **Reasons For Decision**

The option proposed offers the Council access to grant funding to part-fund capital costs relating to the procurement and installation of residential chargepoint infrastructure.

The proposed option offers the Council the opportunity of testing and learning about the processes involved in the installation of on-street residential chargepoints, the steps necessary and potential obstacles, before committing to a larger scale rollout of chargepoint infrastructure.

The option proposed supports the Council in delivering on the key issue of the Climate Emergency and supporting the Clean Air Zone, which necessitates a move away from the use of traditional fossil fuels to cleaner technologies, such as electric vehicles.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

Option 1 – Not accepting the funding offer from OZEV. This was discounted since bidding for On Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) funding, to test a limited number of residential charging solutions, was agreed to be consistent with the Council's current policy position and short-term actions within the Transport Regeneration and Climate Committee report Electric Vehicle Public Charging Infrastructure Update and Short-Term Action Plan, that was approved in September 2022.

Option 2 – Bid for a larger scheme and wait for the Government's rollout of the Low Emission Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) funding. This would have meant

missing out on the opportunity of additional external capital funding grant. The ORCS grant also offers the opportunity of testing the processes involved in rolling out on-street chargepoints. Accepting the ORCS grant also offers the opportunities to learn about necessary steps, and potential obstacles, before committing to a larger scale rollout of chargepoint infrastructure.

5. **Documents used in making decision:**

Sheffield's Electric Vehicle Public Charging Infrastructure Update and Short-Term Action Plan, Transport, Regeneration and Climate Committee, 21st September 2022:

[Sheffield City Council - Agenda for Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee on Wednesday 21 September 2022, 2.00 pm](#)

6 **Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service**

None

7. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Director of Investment, Climate Change and Planning