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Name of decision maker: Assistant Director Corporate & Contracted Services

Service Area: Procurement & Contracted Services

Title of Decision: Electric vehicle charge points

Decision made and reasons:

Decision:

To approve the transfer of ownership of 6 no. electric vehicle charge points from Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) to Dacorum Borough Council.

Reasons:

Between 2011 and 2014, HCC received Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) funding to install EV charge points across Hertfordshire, this included installation in 6 locations across Dacorum. On behalf of the Council HCC also managed the ongoing operation of these assets through a countywide contract with BP Chargemaster.

HCC have now made a decision that they will no longer provide or manage new electric vehicle charge points.

Over the last few years, resident's use of the assets has increased as electric vehicles have become more readily available. Officers would wish to continue to have these assets available for public use and feel that it would be beneficial to residents of Dacorum to transfer the ownership of the assets.

The Council already have a newer assets installed at the new MSCP car park in Berkhamsted and these are operated via a Hosting Agreement with BP Chargemaster, the intention will be to add the existing equipment to this contract.

In exchange for the Council allowing the assets to be located on their land and providing electricity, BP Chargemaster supply and install the assets, repair and maintains them and refunds the cost of the electricity from the revenue generated from the service.

Reports considered:

None

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Mark Brookes Assistant Director Corporate & Contracted Services

Financial Comments:

There is no initial consideration required for the transfer of the assets from Herts County. In terms of ongoing costs, the Council will be required to pay electricity costs, but BP Chargemaster will refund these up to a level of 14p per kw/hr. This is broadly in line with the Council's current electricity prices. Herts County have confirmed that the scheme has worked effectively for them and did not represent a financial cost burden.

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It should be noted that electricity costs would need to be reclaimed from BP Chargemaster on a monthly basis, which will require a certain amount of officer administration time.

The ongoing responsibility for repair and maintenance of the EV charge points would fall to BP Chargemaster and would not represent a cost for DBC. If, in future, an investment in improved electricity supply were to be required, this responsibility would fall to DBC and would need to be considered as part of the wider Climate Change programme of works.

Deputy Monitoring Officer Comments:

The transfer of ownership of these assets will contribute positively towards the Council's Climate Emergency Strategy and Action Plan.

Deputy S151 Officers Comments:

The process for recharging electricity costs has been planned and will be implemented at the point of transfer so this approach has a cost neutral impact on the council.

Implications:

The transfer of the ownership of these assets would enable the Council to upgrade this equipment with newer technology to provide a better all-round service for users.

Value for Money:

There is no cost to the Council for the transfer of the ownership of these assets.

Financial:

BP Chargemaster operates the assets and the only cost to the Council is for the supply of electricity, for which BP Chargemaster reimburse the Council.

Risk:

HCC have made a decision that they will no longer provide or manage new EV charge points.

Furthermore, that the existing HCC EV charge points and responsibility for their management be either transferred to the relevant district or borough council or be removed

If the assets are not transferred then they will be removed, which will have a negative impact on the Council's reputation as the assets are all located in council owned car parks and the public perception is that they are already owned by the Council and that it will be the Council's decision to remove the assets.

The Council have declared a climate emergency and the provision of these assets supports the reduction in fossil fuel consumption and reduces air pollution. Any reduction in assets will be contrary to the declaration.

Officer Signature:

Date:

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