

1 September 2021**Agenda Item: 9****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE****ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AC,DC,V1G, V2G
STAKEHOLDER FOCUS DAYS – 7-8 SEPTEMBER 2021****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval for relevant Member attendance at the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Stakeholder Focus Days to be held in central London on 7-8 September 2021.

Information and Advice

2. This Committee's terms of reference include approving councillors' attendance at relevant conferences and similar events for which fees are payable. While a fee is not payable in this instance – the Council is benefitting from one of 10 free passes being made available to Local Government Association members – there will be both travel and overnight accommodation costs incurred. It is therefore considered appropriate to seek the Committee's approval to attend. It is proposed that the Chairman of the Transport and Environment Committee attend the event, with the contingency that one of the Committee Vice-Chairmen attend in his place should this prove necessary.
3. The Stakeholder Focus event is a jointly-sponsored by the Department for Transport and a range of public and private sector organisations, and will showcase how the Council can contribute to net zero carbon commitments through facilitating EV charging infrastructure across its property portfolio and beyond.
4. As well as highlighting the latest technology developments, the event provides the opportunity for attendees to learn more about the lessons learnt from EV infrastructure installation and operation to date, the costs involved and wider opportunities to address the Climate Emergency.

Other Options Considered

5. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. It is recommended that approval be given for attendance at the event so that the County Council can continue to learn from shared best practice and network with local authorities and other partners in relation to EV infrastructure installation and operation.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

8. There is no charge for attending the event, as the County Council will receive one of ten free delegate places for Local Government Association members. There will be costs in respect of travel to and from the event, and subsistence and overnight accommodation costs. These costs will be approximately £400.
9. The costs of accommodation and travel for the Chairman of Transport and Environment Committee will be met from the budget for Members' Conferences for which there is an allocation of £6,000 in 2021/22.

RECOMMENDATION

That approval be given for the Chairman of the Transport and Environment Committee, or one of the Committee Vice-Chairmen if required, to attend the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging infrastructure AC, DC, V1G, V2G Stakeholder Focus Days in central London on 7-8 September 2021 together with any necessary travel and accommodation arrangements.

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 23/08/2021)

10. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of Transport and Environment Committee

Financial Comments (CSB 20/08/2021)

11. The cost of attending the event is covered by the Local Government Association. The costs of travel, accommodation and related costs are expected to be approximately £400, which can be met from the 2021-22 revenue budget for Members' Conferences of £6,000.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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