

Freedom of information request NCC-032141-18

Thank you for your recent freedom of information request for the following information:

1. Does the local authority have a procurement plan for Electric or other low emission vehicles with a view to replace its current fleet of vehicles with low emission alternatives?
2. Does the local authority have a plan in place to build increase Electric Vehicle charging points in the local authority area?

Our response

Nottinghamshire County Council has considered your request and can confirm the following:

1. Bus fleet: The Council's Bus fleet replacement programme currently procures new vehicles on a 7-10 year cycle and these buses will always meet the highest Euro Standards available at the time of purchase. The Council agreed to bid for LEBS (Low Emission Bus Scheme) funding in October 2015 to purchase 2 electric buses to inform future Vehicle replacement plans. These vehicles came into operation in June 2018 and are currently being evaluated.
2. With regards to electric vehicle charging infrastructure, the County Council's strategy for the delivery of low-emission transport is included in chapter 7 of the Local Transport Plan. To help deliver the strategy the County Council, jointly with Nottingham City and Derby City councils, successfully bid to the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) for £6.1m for the period April 2016 to March 2021 for the 'Nottingham Go Ultra Low' programme. This programme aims to promote the take-up of electric vehicles to help improve air quality and grow this economic sector. The programme includes the delivery of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure to create an area-wide network (across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire) and the provision of grants to support businesses to introduce electric vehicle charging points at workplaces. The Councils have recently procured a delivery partner to deliver the public electric vehicle charge points and work is underway to identify potential locations for this infrastructure, assess their feasibility, and install the charging infrastructure at the most suitable (feasible) sites.
The Nottingham Go Ultra Low bid report to March 2016 Transport & Highways Committee provides more detail on the planned overall programme, or alternatively you can get further information from the Nottingham Go Ultra Low programme website.
The County Council's proposed approach to the delivery of electric vehicle infrastructure in Nottinghamshire is due to be discussed at the 18 July 2018 Policy Committee. The relevant report ('Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure') will be published on the meeting documents webpage one week prior to the 18 July 2018 Policy Committee meeting.

I trust the above information is of assistance to you.

If you are unhappy with the way your request was dealt with and wish to make a complaint, please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP or email foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference above.

With kind regards

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