



DECISION RECORD

Service Reference Number	DFIT/2025/006
Decision Maker: David Bell, Director of Finance and Transformation	
Delegated Authority Officer exercising delegated powers pursuant to Officer exercising delegated powers pursuant to paragraph 18.1 of part B of the Council Constitution and pursuant to Cabinet Minute 99 of the meeting dated 28 February 2022.	
Decision: The Council agree and sign the grant determination and Memorandum of Understanding from the Department for Transport for Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Capital Fund to receive the funding allocation of £2,840,000 from Government under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003.	
Reasons for the Decision: The Council, alongside all other local authorities and combined authorities in England, were pre-allocated Capital Funding to fund the installation of electric vehicle infrastructure to enable properties without off street parking to enable charging points. The Funding is now being allocated to the authority by the 31 st March 2025 but the spending of the allocation will still be subject to a final agreement with the Department for Transport of the Invitation to Tender and Contract documents for a private sector concession delivery partner. The Council has previously received Capability Fund allocations to fund staff to deliver and manage the future contract with a supplier.	
Nature of Decision: Non-Key	
Exemptions Is the accompanying formal report (or other documentation where applicable) exempt? No Reason the report (or other documentation) is exempt: N/A	

Background and Supporting Information:

The Government has recognised that with the policy to stop the sale of petrol and diesel vehicles that the infrastructure for charging electric vehicles needs to be increased significantly.

One of the biggest challenges is the provision of charging infrastructure for homes without off street parking. The Government has also acknowledged that a lot of the local charging infrastructure needs, in particular away from current commercially attractive locations, is falling upon local authorities who do not have the dedicated staff or resources for this work.

The Department for Transport has therefore created the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Scheme (LEVI) to provide both capability and capital funding to local authorities. Utilising local socio-economic data, each local authority and combined authority has been pre-allocated funding subject to output performance submissions.

The capital fund is to be used to support the installation of charging infrastructure and leverage in further private sector funding through a long term concession agreement.

The future agreement by Cabinet of the Invitation to Tender and Contract will enable the council to submit the documents to the Department for Transport for final sign off before the project can be tendered a supplier appointed and the funding stated to be spent.

The project will start to address equity in access to charging infrastructure for residents in areas without off street parking as well as provide the wider strategic infrastructure context and opportunities city wide.

The acceptance of the funding from Government will enable the Council to address elements of the Mobility Strategic theme within the 2030 Carbon Neutral Strategy and Ambition 1, 4 and 5 within the Community Plan. It will enable the Council to have a robust strategy and investment plan for further Government investment and to stimulate significant private sector investment.

Attached are the Memorandum of Understanding, Grant Determination form and Post Approval Action Plan.

Equalities Impact Information:

Does the decision have relevance to equality or affect any group with protected characteristics?

The decision has no equality impact. The funding will be used to recruit staff, and these will be subject to existing policies on enabling fair access to interviews and employment.

NO

Contact Officer: Martin Budd Climate Change Manager

Chief Officer CommentsComments of the Director of Legal Services and Partnerships (Monitoring Officer)

The decision to accept the funding allocation from the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure is noted and supported. The Council has powers under the Localism Act 2011 to enter into funding agreements. The final terms and conditions of the grant from the Department of Transport will need reviewing prior to signing. (PG)

Comments of the Director of Finance and Transformation (Section 151 Officer)

The Director of Finance & Transformation notes the funding allocation of £2,840,000 from the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Capital Fund in 24/25, with the proviso that the spending of the allocation will still be subject to a final agreement with the Department for Transport of the Invitation to Tender and Contract documents for a private sector concession delivery partner. GS

Comments of the Assistant Director of Organisation Development & Human Resources and compliance with the equality act

The content of the report is noted. There are no staffing or equality issues arising from this decision. KH

Comments of the Portfolio Holder for Communications and Communities

As part of this administration's commitment to tackle climate change, I welcome this grant and the commitment to deliver electric vehicle infrastructure for our communities.

Scrutiny Comments

This decision has not been subject to pre-decision Scrutiny. However, once future decisions are made to spend the funding it is expected that any key decisions will be considered at the appropriate Scrutiny Commission. Ref: Sc8655 [FH].

Exceptional Circumstances:

Is the decision record currently exempt from publication at the point of decision?

No

Signature of Decision Maker:

Signed: Signature confirmed

Date signed: **13/03/2025**

FOR COMPLETION BY THE SCRUTINY OFFICE:	
Date published on CMIS:	14/03/2025
Can the decision be called in?	No
Date decision comes into force:	14/03/2025