

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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**City Council**

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Subject:	Acceptance of government grant for electric vehicle charge points in residential areas
Total Value:	£117,480 (Type: Capital)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Acceptance of £117,480 Government grant for the installation of 30 electric vehicle charge points in residential areas where there is little or no off-street parking provision.</li><li>2. Approval of the four Community Hub locations for installation to be undertaken through the Council's contracted charge point Concessionaire, BP Chargemaster. The locations are all in city council owned car parks outside the city centre, namely: Randal St (Arboretum Ward); Winchester St (Sherwood Ward); Denman St (Radford and Park Ward) and; Queens Walk Community Centre (Bridge Ward)</li></ol>
Reasons for the Decision(s)	At least 30% of Nottingham residents live in properties where there is no off street parking available. To enable these residents to own and use an electric vehicle NCC submitted a successful bid to the Office for Low Emission Vehicles to enable the installation of charge points in four residential areas. These charge points are not sited on streets but in council owned car parks. Encouraging the uptake of ultra low emission and zero emission vehicles is part of the council's commitment to reduce air pollution and forms part of the Council's clean air strategy. These charge points are in addition to the network already being rolled out across the city and wider D2N2 area and are in locations close to densely populated housing, with a high proportion of apartments/terraced housing. The locations will also help to plug the gaps in the D2N2 public network. The funding award must be spent by March 2019 in accordance with the grant funding letter. All charge points will operate on the same back office as the D2N2 network and maintenance will be the responsibility of Chargemaster.

**Other Options Considered:** Option 1: Reject the funding. Local Authorities were encouraged by Government to bid into their On Street Residential Charge Point Fund. Having successfully secured the funding following requests from members of the public, the option to reject the funding award was dismissed as it will impact on the Council's reputation as a leading authority on low emission vehicle measures and would result in a lack of charge point provision for key residential areas with little or no offstreet parking. Option 2. Utilise other funding streams. Current funding is prioritising the installation of charge points in park and rides and other strategic locations, including key car parks. This option was rejected as there are currently no funding sources available.

**Background Papers:** None

**Published Works:** None

**Affected Wards:** Citywide

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:** None

**Consultations:**  
Date: 06/09/2018  
Other: Portfolio Holder Cllr Sally Longford  
Locations approved by portfolio holder in advance of bid to government being submitted. Local ward councillors have also been consulted.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

**Crime and Disorder Implications:** N/A

**Equality:** EIA not required. Reasons: EIA not required. Reasons: The proposal will see the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charging points. There are no significant benefits or disbenefits to the protected equality groups.

**Social Value Considerations:** Already considered under the contract with the installers, Chargemaster. Chargemaster were selected after a detailed EU compliant procurement through OJEU.

**Decision Type:** Portfolio Holder

**Subject to Call In:** Yes

**Call In Expiry date:** 01/03/2019

**Advice Sought:** Legal, Finance, Procurement, Property

**Legal Advice:** This report raises no significant legal issues as the City Council has awarded a contract to Chargemaster for the delivery of ULEV charging points and the community based charging points can be delivered through that agreement. The City Council must comply with the terms of the grant funding agreement but it is understood from discussions with the report author that there are no restrictions in that agreement which would prevent use of the agreement with Chargemaster. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 04/01/2019.

**Finance Advice:** The capital programme will be updated as per the approval. As this is grant funded the Head of Transport Strategy is responsible for complying with the terms of the ULEV grant reducing Councils risk of any potential grant clawback. Advice provided by Tom Straw (Senior Accountant - Capital Programmes) on 11/01/2019.

**Property Advice:** Property has worked on the charging point strategy and supports this proposal to access important grant funding to support delivery of the network. Advice provided by Peter Carroll (Portfolio and Investment Manager) on 30/01/2019.

**Procurement Advice:** The chosen Contractor was procured via a fully compliant, value for money tendering exercise and this decision is supported by procurement. Advice provided by Paul Ritchie (Lead Procurement Officer) on 04/01/2019.

**Signatures**  
Sally Longford (PH for Energy and Environment)  
SIGNED and Dated: 21/02/2019  
Chris Henning (Corporate Director for Development and Growth)  
SIGNED and Dated: 11/02/2019