

ITEM No ...6.....

REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 25 SEPTEMBER 2017
REPORT ON: GO ULTRA LOW TAXI SCHEME – GRANT AWARD
REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT
REPORT NO: 302-2017

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the detailed plans for further electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Dundee as part of the Go Ultra Low Taxi Scheme.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the plans to further develop the electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the city, fully funded by grants from Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV), Transport Scotland and Air Quality Funding.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Executive Director of Corporate Services advises that capital costs of £603,000 can be met from the Office of Low Emission vehicles grant of £515,000 with the remaining costs being met from a Transport Scotland grant of £60,000 and Air Quality funding of £28,000.

4 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In August 2016 the Executive Director of City Development brought a report to Committee (Report 253-2016 to the City Development Committee on 22 August 2016 - Go Ultra Low City Scheme – Grant Award – Article VIII refers) detailing the grant award from OLEV in relation to the Go Ultra Low City Scheme and the projects contained within this.
- 4.2 Dundee is still widely recognised as one of the UK's leading cities for Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEV) promotion and operation. The receipt of this additional grant will further enhance the city's reputation as an exemplar in this field and will help promote the ongoing expansion of a pure electric taxi and private hire fleet in the city.
- 4.3 In March 2017 Dundee City Council were awarded £515,000 in relation to the ULEV Taxi Infrastructure scheme, £470,500 in 2017/2018 and £44,500 in 2018/2019. This scheme required match funding for certain elements and in June 2017 Dundee City Council received a grant award letter from Transport Scotland for £60,000 towards the total cost of the project and then received funding in May 2017 of £28,000 from the Air Quality Action Plan funding.
- 4.4 The Council will add priority charging points for the taxi industry at the 3 main charging hubs that were detailed in the report in August 2016. The remainder of the project will be split over 2 projects, installing chargers at a number of key sites within the city to support the industry and also helping fund infrastructure at some major taxi depots.

5 MAIN TEXT

- 5.1 Following on from the report which was approved at Committee on 22 August 2016, the City Development Service have developed detailed plans in conjunction with Office for Low Emission, Transport Scotland and various partners for electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Dundee to support public and business uptake of electric vehicles.

- 5.2 A Steering Group of officers has been set up to manage the projects and scoping documents have been developed for each individual aspect of the project. A framework has been set up with support from Tayside Procurement Consortium to procure the chargers and infrastructure along with installation.
- 5.3 The following list gives details of the various projects identified.
- a Princess Street Hub – 2 chargers will be installed at this major hub which will be given priority for taxi trade.
 - b St Anne Lane Car Park – the charging hub at the west of the city will have 2 rapid chargers installed for priority use by the taxi trade.
 - c Queen Street Car Park – the charging hub at the east of the city will have one taxi priority Rapid Charger installed.
 - d City Chargers – we are looking to install single rapid chargers at strategic locations within the city that will support the uptake of electric vehicles, with sites including Ninewells, city centre and key hotel sites.
- 5.4 Dundee City Council are in discussions with Transport Scotland, COSLA, Charge Place Scotland and other local authorities regarding introducing a Scottish wide tariff for the use of electric vehicles chargers. A consistent and structured approach will ensure the maximum benefit is gained from the national infrastructure and it will cover the costs of the electricity and upkeep of the sites. It is expected that this charge for the public and businesses will come into force during 2018

6 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 All members of the Council Management Team have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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