

Issue reference: I50026798

Written statement of a non-key officer decision Assistant director environment and place

Title	Rapid charge points for electric vehicles			
Decision maker	Assistant director environment and place			
Date of decision	24 July 2018			
Report exemption class	Open			
Purpose	To authorise the acceptance of a successful funding application to Highways England for the installation of three rapid electric vehicle charge points at three different locations along the A49 corridor. This funding offer comprises two parts: 1. Up to £22,000 of revenue funding to support the feasibility, site assessment and procurement costs 2. Followed by 100% capital funding towards the installation of three rapid electric vehicle charge points. The indicative costs of installing three rapid charge points is estimated to be in the region of £150k, but will be confirmed through the			
	feasibility, site assessment and procurement			
Decision	That: (a) Highways England's grant offer of £22,000 of revenue grant for the feasibility, site assessment and procurement of three rapid electric vehicle charge points be accepted; and			
	(b) the Energy & Active Travel Manager be authorise to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the project in accordance with the grant conditions.			
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at			
	http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50026798			
Consultation	As set out in the report.			
Options considered	Not to accept the funding, carry out the feasibility study or implement any recommended findings:			
	 There is currently no other 100% funding available for the installation of rapid charge points in the UK. If the council chooses not to proceed this opportunity will be missed resulting in the council being unlikely to be able 			

	to fund the installation of rapid charge points in the county for the foreseeable future.			
	 The installation of rapid charge points will greatly improve the county provision for both local and visiting electric vehicle owners. Additional charging infrastructure for electric vehicles will also support the uptake of low carbon vehicles in the county, supporting the council's target of decarbonisation and improved air quality. 			
Declarations of interest				
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	30 July 2018			

Officer:		Date	24 July 2018
	Assistant director environment and place (Richard Ball)		