

North Yorkshire Council

Richmond (Yorks) Area Constituency Committee

18 November 2024

EV Charging Infrastructure

Report of the Corporate Director - Environment

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update on delivery of EV charging Infrastructure across the Area Committee area.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The background and details on how Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP) were installed and subsequently switched off across the former Hambleton District Council area was reported to the committee on 18 September 2023. In summary, the chosen supplier became insolvent ahead of arrangements being made for the ongoing maintenance and management of 37 planned EVCP's across nine sites and as North Yorkshire Council (NYC) had no specifications or manuals to enable them to resolve this it was no longer safe for them to remain in operation.
- 2.2 The former Richmondshire District Council arranged the installation of six EVCP's across four locations in the area committee area.

3.0 PROCUREMENT OF EVCPs FOR NORTH YORKSHIRE

- 3.1 In the former Richmondshire district six EVCP's were installed at four locations (see Appendix A for list of locations) under a contract with a supplier that has now expired. The EVCP's now belong to NYC, they are still operational, and Officers are working to bring them under an existing contract with a Charging Point Operator (CPO) to have them maintained and managed. There is just enough headroom in the chosen existing contract because there are so few EVCPs.
- 3.2 In September 2023 NYC engaged with the proposed receivers for the insolvent supplier (EVS Energy), in the former Hambleton District area, to try and resolve the problems with the EVCP that had been installed. EVS Energy however did not complete the installations, return any assets that were purchased or share any specifications, user manuals or provide access to the back-office system. There was no contract in place to enforce this as it was a pilot scheme instigated by the former District Council and efforts to secure one had been unsuccessful.
- 3.3 In the absence of a budget and the products and information required from EVS Ltd NYC proposed to work with a new CPO delivering the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund (LEVI) programme, when they are appointed, to repair or replace the EVCPs. It was initially envisaged the LEVI subsidy would be used however, upon further investigation Officers established that the LEVI Heads of Terms specify that the funding does not cover the replacement of existing EVCPs.

- 3.4 Alternative options were considered including trying to get one of NYC's existing providers to take on the replacement, however, there was no headroom remaining in any of the nine existing contracts to take on this many EVCPs.
- 3.5 A successful bid was made to the York and North Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (referred to herein as the MCA) for the full amount of funding required to replace the EVCPs in Hambleton. The replacement will be completed by the CPO that is awarded the contract for the LEVI programme, as it would be inappropriate to procure separately for EVCP's at the same time, and the sites will be treated as the highest priority for delivery once we enter contract.
- 3.6 The procurement of a CPO to deliver LEVI has experienced significant delays for various reasons (more details on this can be found in a report to Environment Executive Members on 31 October 2024 seeking permission to procure a CPO) therefore replacement EVCP's have unfortunately not yet been realised. The award of a contract for a CPO is currently planned for Spring 2025.
- 3.7 Work is underway to implement a Traffic Regulation Order, which will prevent vehicles from parking in dedicated EV bays, unless they are a Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) or an electric vehicle (EV). EV drivers will also need to be plugged in and have a paid for charging session. Equally, they will need to display a valid P&D ticket for the duration of their stay and if any of those criteria are not met then they will receive a PCN.
- 3.8 Until the new EV bays become operational, the EVCP's will remain bagged off and the bays will be signed and marked up so they can be used as normal parking spaces.

4.0 NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 It is currently envisaged that tender exercise to seek a partner to deliver the EVCPs across North Yorkshire will be launched this month. Once the contract is awarded the first priority for delivery is the replacement of the charging points in the former Hambleton district area.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The cost to replace the EVCPs is around £130,000, which has been successfully awarded to NYC by the MCA.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The legal implications are covered in the previous sections of this report.

7.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 An EIA screening form was undertaken. An EIA was considered not proportionate for this briefing and therefore not required.

8.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are climate implications associated with removing and replacing EVCP units. A full climate change assessment will be undertaken once a delivery plan is produced with the appointed CPO.

9.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)
9.1 That members note the update on delivery of EV charging Infrastructure across the Area Committee area.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Site List

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

[Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure in Hambleton](#)

[Procurement of an Electric Vehicle Charge Point Operator \(CPO\)](#)

[North Yorkshire Council Electric Vehicle Public Charging Infrastructure Rollout Strategy](#)

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Site List

Locality		Location	Postcode	Town
Hambleton	1	Auction Mart Car Park	DL8 2AD	Bedale
	2	Galtres Car Park	YO61 3DA	Easingwold
	3	High Green Car Park	TS9 6BJ	Great Ayton
	4	Applegarth Car Park	DL7 8EF	Northallerton
	5	Showfield Car Park	TS9 5ER	Stokesley
	6	Millgate Car Park	YO7 1PE	Thirsk
	7	Market Place Car Park	YO7 1EY	Thirsk
Richmondshire	8	Gayle Lane car park	DL8 3RQ	Hawes
	9	Nuns Close car park	DL10 4AR	Richmond
	10	Hildyard Row car park	DL9 4DH	Catterick
	11	Station Road car park	DL10 7AG	Richmond