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Requester

At contact address specified for request number above

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Dear Requester

Request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)

The council has considered your request which was received on 16 May 2018 and our response to your questions is shown below.

Electric vehicles are being increasingly promoted as a low-carbon alternative to conventional combustion engine vehicles. Some local authorities have therefore introduced measures to increase uptake of electric vehicles and associated technology (eg. charging infrastructure) within their local authority area such as providing free parking for electric vehicle owners, procuring electric vehicles as part of the local authority fleet or mandating charging points as part of all new development.

1a) What measures to date have been put in place by your local authority to encourage, increase and/or aid the uptake of electric vehicles and associated technology by residents within your local authority area? Please provide details of each measure.

Nottingham City Council successfully bid for funding to the UK government's Go Ultra Low Cities Scheme. The award of £6.12m is being used to help increase the uptake of Electric Vehicles (EVs) and Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVs) in the city through a number of initiatives including:

- the installation of a publicly accessible chargepoint network across Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Derby, and Derbyshire
- the creation of a ULEV lane on a section of a busy east-west highway in the city
- supporting workplaces to switch from conventional petrol/diesel vehicles to EVs and ULEVs
- setting up the LEVEL network (Low Emission Vehicle Enterprise and learning) to deliver skills training, knowledge transfer, business networking, master classes and conferences promoting the adoption of low emission vehicle technologies



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- running engagement events to educate and de-mystify the public and employers with regard to the use of EVs and ULEVs
- full details can be found at the Go Ultra Low Nottingham website www.goultralownottingham.org.uk and on the LEVEL project website <https://www.level-network.com/>

1b) Are any future measures being considered by your local authority to encourage, increase and/or aid the uptake of electric vehicles and associated technology by residents within your local authority area? If so, what are these measures?

Please see answer to 1a above. In addition, we are looking to submit a bid to the government's On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme this year to install chargepoints for those residents that do not have off street parking

2a) What measures to date have been put in place to encourage, increase and/or aid the uptake of electric vehicles and associated technology within your local authority fleet and amongst local authority staff? Please provide details of each measure.

We currently have a fleet of 40 fully electric cars and vans used by a variety of teams across the council. We are rolling out chargepoints at city council depots and premises to help facilitate this. As part of our Go Ultra Low Nottingham programme, we are upgrading the council's own fleet so that by 2020 we will have a combination of 200 EVs and ULEVs, including electric refuse collection vehicles. We are also training our technicians to be certified to repair and maintain EVs and ULEVs.

2b) Are any future measures being considered to encourage, increase and/or aid the uptake of electric vehicles and associated technology within your local authority fleet and amongst local authority staff? If so, what are these measures?

In addition to the measures outlined above, we are also taking part in an EU funded study looking at vehicle to grid (V2G) technology at our main depot at Eastcroft, This will utilise solar panels, battery storage and bi-directional V2G chargepoints to power 40 electric vehicles.

3a) What measures to date have been put in place by your local authority to encourage, increase and/or aid the uptake of electric vehicles and associated technology by businesses who are located within your local authority area? Please provide details of each measure.

In addition to the information provided in the answer to 1a above we are operating the Workplace Travel Scheme (WTS) which will run between now and March 2020. WTS will provide business advice, grants and support to help businesses switch to more sustainable travel modes, a key element of which is the move to EVs and ULEVs. Details of the scheme can be found here:

<http://www.transportnottingham.com/projects/workplace-travel-service/>

3b) Are any future measures being considered by your local authority to encourage, increase and/or aid the uptake of electric vehicles and associated

technology by businesses who are located within your local authority area? If so, what are these measures?

We are currently helping to support local hackney carriage and private hire taxis to switch to ULEVs through:

- installation of a dedicated taxi chargepoint network, and
- undertaking testing to assess the feasibility of using EV and ULEV taxis locally.

4a) What planning measures have been put in place to encourage, increase and/or aid the uptake of electric vehicles within your local authority area? For example, do you require a set standard of EV charging spaces as part of a new residential or commercial development? Please provide details of each measure.

We are currently developing our Local Plan, this will contain guidance around chargepoints and will ensure that we complement the National Planning Policy Framework. The NPPF requires developments, where parking is provided, to incorporate facilities for charging plug-in vehicles, and we will support appropriate proposals for charging infrastructure as part of planning applications

4b) Are any future planning measures being considered to encourage, increase and/or aid the uptake of electric vehicles within your local authority area? If so, what are these measures?

See answer to 4a above

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