

RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY A CABINET MEMBER

Decision Maker	Decision Type	Date
Cllr Chris Goodwin Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods	Principal Decision	22 nd May 2024

Grant Acceptance: City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) – Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI)

Decision (s)

In March 2023, GMCA endorsed a funding distribution model for CRSTS funds based on population, the proportion of rural areas in a Local Authority area (as these are often less likely to be served by the commercial market) and the level of housing stock which has neither off-street parking nor access to charging within five minutes' walk. [Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Delivery \(greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk\)](https://greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk).

Oldham's share based on this funding allocation model is £689,577 of £7.55m.

At that time, it was noted that the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) had launched the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund (LEVI).

The stated aims of OZEV's LEVI fund are to:

- Deliver a step-change in the deployment of local, primarily low power, on-street charging infrastructure across England;
- Accelerate the commercialisation of, and investment in, the local charging infrastructure sector.

The funding is designed by OZEV to move away from previous funding models of an owner-operator model, into that of a more commercial arrangement. This strategic direction links closely with the recommendations noted by the GMCA in March 2023.

The Capital element of GM's LEVI allocation has now been confirmed as £16,158,000, with OZEV being clear that the LEVI Capital funding cannot be used to fund staffing, and that the capital funding solely relates to:

- Purchase of the chargepoint;
- Other hardware associated with the installation;
- The associated electrical connection components including distribution network operator (DNO) connection;
- Civil engineering works related to the installation Labour of the installation; and



- Where applicable, the capital costs of a parking bay and traffic regulation orders (TROs).

To meet OZEV’s requirements for collaboration in delivery TfGM are responsible for managing the procurement and delivery of the programme, and the GM local authorities will be responsible for managing the operations and maintenance (with the Charge Point Operator) once the charging points are operational.

The Bee Network Committee on 21 March 2024 approved the drawdown of a further £1.086m CRSTS funding, to be allocated across the 10 GM local authorities.

Oldham requested £110,000, to support our capability requirements in progressing the commercialisation and investment in on-street charging infrastructure across GM through OZEV’s LEVI capital fund and Oldham’s remaining CRSTS capital allocation of £579,577.

This initial EVCI funding for resource will be used to allow us to develop an approach (including overseeing production of an EVCI strategy for Oldham), undertake site selection, procure legal resource for contracts and general legal advice in terms of some of the types of on-street infrastructure.

GM’s submission to OZEV outlines GM’s intention to install between 3,300 and 4,500 charging points across Greater Manchester, across a programme of work running to 2027.

Now the Local Authorities have agreement for the funding to help with EVCI development activity, TfGM will complete mobilisation plans and will provide an update on the programme to the GM Bee Network Committee early in the new municipal year. This will include a proposal on the funding distribution model of LEVI.

Exempt/Confidential Report		No
Key Decision		No

Reasons for the decision(s)

Oldham Council has secured £110,000 of capital funding from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) for:

- Increasing Oldham’s capability requirements (staff resource) to progress investment in our publicly available Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) network by utilising available capital grant funding from CRSTS and the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund.

The purpose of this report is to confirm the value of the grant available to Oldham Council and notify the Portfolio Holder of the intended use of this funding and the next steps.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1:

- That the grant from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) of £110,000 be accepted.
- That the intention to bring the additional resource into the transport capital programme in 2024/25 be noted.
- That approval to use this resource to appoint additional support to Council teams, by the most appropriate means, to progress the investment in on-street charging infrastructure using CRSTS and LEVI capital funding is approved.

Option 2:

- That the grant from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) of £110,000 is not accepted.

That approval to use this resource to appoint additional support to Council teams, by the most appropriate means, to progress the investment in on-street charging infrastructure using CRSTS and LEVI capital funding is not approved.

Conflict of Interest declared



(Deputy Chief Executive – Emma Barton)

In consultation with



(Councillor Goodwin, Cabinet Member for Don't Trash Oldham)

Decision made pursuant to:

- a) Delegation to Cabinet Member under the Council's scheme of delegation. Contract £100,000 - £400,000 and Key decisions.**