

Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Contract Award

Decision Maker: Chief Executive

Service Area: Highways, Engineering & Operations

Directorate: Environment

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Date of Decision: 5 October 2026

1. Power to make the decision

The decision is being taken under the authorisation contained in Section 9C – Delegations to Specific Officers of Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council Constitution for the Chief Executive to take any emergency decisions in respect of the Council's executive functions which cannot be delayed until the next Cabinet meeting.

2. Decision Sought

This report requests the following:

- To agree that TfGM awards the LEVI contract to the preferred supplier
- To agree that Oldham Council be a signatory to the contract and the Authority Agreement
- To agree to not extend the existing host agreements with TfGM

3. Reason for urgency

Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) has led the tender programme which will result in significant investment in electric vehicle charging infrastructure in all 10 Greater Manchester boroughs. The process of selecting the approved supplier requires all 10 authorities' agreement. As a result of this process, this report requires approval so that the preferred supplier can be awarded the contract and necessary works initiated. All 10 authorities have to support the proposal for it to go ahead.

In addition, as outlined in the report, the current agreement relating to existing charging infrastructure installed in Oldham also comes to an end in Dec 2026. Therefore, a decision is also needed as to the future contract arrangements or use of an alternative delivery model, again, outlined in the report which requires determination so that exiting contracts can be extended or concluded and replaced by a newer working model (as recommended in the report).

4. Risk(s) of not taking the decision

- Unable to deliver EV charging infrastructure for Oldham's residents which will support EV charging for current and future needs
- Detrimental impact on residents who may wish to purchase EVs but don't have access to off- street charging
- Reputationally, and in terms of delivery, Oldham could be left behind when compared to LAs charging networks – impact residents, visitors and businesses
- GM as whole will have to re-tender the whole scheme if not supported by all authorities

5. Financial impact if decision not taken forward

- Unable to leverage the external funding that is available
- If the report is not approved, there is a risk at £580K of CRSTS money allocated to EV work may have to be returned
- Cost to residents who may wish to purchase EV but are unable to do so due to a lack of charging network – paying for more expensive alternatives
- Residents would be forced to use commercial rapid chargers which have higher cost
- Loss of income to OMBC from charging income

6. Statutory Officer clearances

a. Section 151 Officer

Name Lee Walsh

Date 14 September 2026

Comments: The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to award a contract to the preferred supplier for the delivery of publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure, aimed at supporting residents without access to home charging. The project requires capital investment of £579k fully funded through the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) grant. Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) will hold the grant funding and make payments directly to the supplier.

b. Monitoring Officer

Name Alex Bougatef(Monitoring Officer)

Date 14th September 2026

Comments The exercise of emergency powers should be undertaken in consultation with the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council. However, the Council has not yet appointed a Leader or Deputy Leader for the current municipal year so it is not possible to consult them. In addition, there is no certainty about when a Leader or Deputy Leader will be appointed, as the Council has failed at successive meetings to

do so. For the reasons given in the report an urgent decision is required and the matter cannot await the appointment of a Leader and Deputy Leader at some undetermined future date.