

## **Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure – Recommended methodology to distribute etc approved.**

**13** There was submitted a report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth regarding progress to date on the Glasgow City Region (GCR) Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) project and an update on the process to engage a commercial charge point operator (CPO) to expand the network of EVCI across Glasgow City Region, advising

- (1) that to formalise collaboration an Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) had been established and signed by all 8 MAs in August 2024 and that the IAA covered the period until the appointment of a CPO and a subsequent IAA would be developed to formalise ongoing arrangements between the MAs;
- (2) that the PMO had appointed Jacobs as technical consultants to support the MAs and that the development of the GCR EVCI had been guided by the EV principles approved by Cabinet on 8th August 2024;
- (3) that the existing back-office system for public MA owned charge points was through the Charge Place Scotland (CPS) system provided by Transport Scotland (TS) with the provision of CPS scheduled to cease on 31st December 2025 and that following discussions with GCR PMO, TS had agreed to provide an extension to the availability of the CPS system until the end of December 2026, that would allow GCR to progress with the appointment of a CPO without having to make back-office arrangements;
- (4) of the draft project specification and site selection process;
- (5) of the proposed 5-year deployment phasing;
- (6) that the private sector investment and project funding required to install the volume of EVCI proposed through this project would be in the region of £50m, along with GCR securing funding of £3.6m of Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding from TS that would support the project until 31st March 2030;
- (7) that the scope included a proposed approach to the receipt of income by MAs throughout the contract period and that the revenue share received by GCR would require to be distributed among MAs, setting out 3 options proposed for consideration, as detailed in the report;
- (8) that there was an identified need for a central, dedicated Contract Management Team (CMT) to oversee activities across the 20-year contract period and that Glasgow City Council would host the CMT on behalf of 8 MAs and of the expected CMT management costs, as detailed in the report;
- (9) from discussions with legal colleagues that there was a requirement for each MA to provide an assurance of ownership for both existing and new EVCI sites and that a meeting would take place in mid-August 2024 with solicitors from all 8 MAs to discuss progression of this work, that the GCR had engaged with other local authorities who had gone through the same process who had

engaged with external legal support to carry out the site ownership assessments required; and

(10) of the immediate next steps, as detailed report.

After consideration, the Cabinet

(a) noted the report; and

(b) approved the recommended methodology to distribute future revenue share as set out in Section 10 for inclusion within the Inter Authority Agreement.