

## **Update on electric vehicle charging infrastructure noted etc.**

**12** With reference to the minutes of 9th May 2023 noting the proposed next steps for Glasgow City Region (GCR) following the initial phase of development of the Strategic and Expansion Plan for electric vehicle charging infrastructure (EVCI) in GCR, there was submitted a progress report by the Director of Regional Economic Growth, advising

- (1) that the first meeting of the Senior Officers' Group which had been established to shape and oversee the next stage of the work had taken place on 18th May 2023, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that in 2022, on behalf of the 8 GCR Member Authorities (MAs), the GCR Programme Management Office (PMO) had commissioned Mott MacDonald to undertake work to scope out the expected scale of EVCI that would be required to support a transition to electric vehicles across the region;
- (3) that the phase of this work had now been completed and each MA was in possession of its own EV SEP and that there was an overarching EV SEP report available for the GCR which had been submitted to Transport Scotland by the Director of Regional Economic Growth following discussion at the 9th May 2023 Cabinet and this would subsequently be considered by Transport Scotland's Advisory Group, with any feedback and comments then being communicated to the GCR PMO;
- (4) that a key action undertaken by the EV Senior Officers Group had been to prepare and publish a PIN/Request for Information to explore the market appetite from private sector operators to partner with the public sector in the accelerated roll out of EVCI, which would allow the members to understand the potential opportunities and risks for local authorities in entering into a concessionary type arrangement with private sector(s);
- (5) that the PIN had been published on 12th June 2023 and had closed on 7th July 2023, generating 32 responses, detailed analysis of which was currently underway with a subset of the EV senior officers group and representatives from Scottish Futures Trust, with the intelligence gathered from this exercise being used to inform the next steps in the chosen method of delivery and set a timeline for next steps, however, it was clear from the initial discussions of the EV Senior Officers Group that there would be a requirement to assemble specialist expertise to support future delivery;
- (6) of the purpose of a further short 'Delivery Model Feasibility Study', as detailed in the report, the work of which was due to be completed by 18th August 2023;
- (7) that the EV Senior Officers Group had developed a set of proposed key principles and priorities that should guide the next stages of EVCI roll out in GCR, and it was proposed that those principles and priorities be submitted to Cabinet for consideration;

- (8) that the EV Senior Officers Group would meet with representatives of Transport Scotland during August 2023 to discuss how to ensure an effective and seamless transition from the Charge Place Scotland scheme to new arrangements; and
- (9) of a summary of the proposed next steps for progressing the EVCI work.

After consideration, the Cabinet

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed the proposed principles for the future expansion of EVCI in GCR, as detailed in the report.