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Electric vehicle charging Policy

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1 Introduction

With the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans due to be phased out across the United Kingdom by 2030 the growth in sales of electric vehicles (EVs) is predicted to accelerate. EVs offer a number of benefits to both the owners and the wider community including lower running costs and reduced air and noise pollution. Concerns over vehicle range and the availability of charging facilities however may be a concern for those considering the transition to an EV, particularly where charging at home may not be a practical option.

This policy sets out how we will seek to reduce the barriers to the wider use of EVs across Aberdeenshire.

2 Policy statement

Aberdeenshire Council, through its Climate Change Declaration, is committed to work with others across the region to ensure that Aberdeenshire reaches Net Zero by 2045 by promoting energy transition, and to adopt a positive, genuine and collaborative spirit to working towards tackling the climate crisis. The facilitation of electric vehicle charging in appropriate locations can make an important contribution towards this objective.

We will:

- **Continue to operate, maintain, and expand the publicly available EV charging point network across Aberdeenshire at a rate that reflects the growth in demand, as funding allows;**
 - **Provide clear guidance on the provision of both on-street and off-street EV charging in a “Electric Vehicle Charging Manual”;**
 - **Only permit on-street EV charging points where these are publicly available and fully comply with the requirements of the Electric Vehicle Charging Manual;**
 - **Not permit on-street EV charging where this would require cables crossing the footway or any other part of the road;**
 - **Provide regular updates to the Infrastructure Services Committee on the development of our EV charging network through Strategic Transport Update reports;**
 - **Encourage the provision of EV charging facilities in new private car parks through our Parking Standards;**
 - **Ensure full cost recovery by applying a tariff for customers using the public EV Network; and**
 - **Explore alternative delivery methods to speed up the roll out of publicly available EV charging infrastructure.**
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3 Scope

This Policy shall apply to:

- All roads (including verges, paved areas, footways and footpaths) for which Aberdeenshire Council is Roads Authority; and
- Aberdeenshire Council car parks and other areas of public space under the Council's control.

4 Implementation and compliance

Aberdeenshire Council's "Electric Vehicle Charging Manual" contains detailed guidance on the provision of EV charging points within Aberdeenshire and the restrictions for on-street charging.

The Roads Policy and Asset Manager will be responsible for updating the manual to reflect changes in legislation and any other improvements or amendments considered to be needed.

Local Roads Managers shall be responsible for compliance in relation to on-street charging within their areas.

The Strategy Manager shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy in the management and expansion of the EV charging point network, and for ensuring that regular updates are provided to the Infrastructure Services Committee through Strategic Transport Update reports.
