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Subject: Barbican Estate Residents Electric Vehicle Charging Policy	Public
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Summary

In January 2019, the Barbican Residential Committee reviewed a report regarding the pilot of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points across the Barbican Estate.

The installation of the current units, the pilot and associated costs have been funded by the Low Emission Neighbourhood (LEN), which ceases in April 2019.

This report proposes a Policy for the Electric Vehicle Charging at the Barbican Estate from April 2019.

Recommendations

The Barbican Residential Committee are asked to approve that:

1. From April 2019 EV Charging users have an additional quarterly surcharge on their car parking bay permit of £25 per quarter
2. From October 2019 (or sooner if funding and resources allow) EV Charging users to be charged for the electricity they use
3. From October 2019 EV Charging users are directly billed per kWh of electricity at 25p/kW (14p/kW domestic rate + 11p management levy/kW)
4. All EV Charging users are assigned a dedicated EV bay, in line with the Car Parking Licence
5. Officers to progress associated works to provide as many of the other car parks with charging facilities and connections via Smart Technology, that the current additional LEN funding allows
6. Officers continue to update the Electrical Vehicle Working Party (EVWP), carrying out a review after one year and report back to this committee

Main Report

Background

7. In December 2016, a Working Party was established by the Barbican Residential Committee to look to pilot the introduction of EV charging points across the Estate.
8. Consultants were contracted to oversee the pilot and produce a report with recommendations for a working business model regarding cost and management of the charging units, and for further roll-out of EV charging on the Estate. This was presented to members in January 2019.
9. In May 2018, 22 charging units were installed in five car parks (Breton, Bunyan, Cromwell, Thomas More & Willoughby) on the Estate providing a total capacity for 30 EV charging bays. A selection of charging units were chosen and installed as part of the trial to determine the best type of charger to meet residents' requirements.
1. 15 participants took part in the pilot and the main findings included:
 - Average electricity consumption of 1.3kW / day per participant
 - Low usage is due to high proportion of plug-in hybrid EVs in the participant group and low mileage due to inner City location
 - Preference for users to be charged per kW of electricity they use
 - Preference for dedicated use bays
 - Convenience of charging units' locations is key to uptake of using charging points
 - Preference for communicating charging units that can be operated with a swipe card and are connected to the Chargemaster management system
 - 7kW units identified as most suitable
10. The installation of the current EV charging units on the Estate, the pilot and associated costs has been totally funded by the LEN, with no charges to residents or the Car Park Account. This funding ceases in April 2019.

Current Position

11. At its meeting on 31 January 2019, Members requested assurances for residents regarding:
 - Procedures for users
 - Metering of electricity use and its invoicing
 - Communication of the Policy
 - Timelines

Options

12. The LEN Project team have been able to provide a further £40,000 funding to this project, which has to be spent within this current financial year.
13. This funding will be used for the work which is currently proceeding:

- Conversion of all current outstanding equipment to smart charging points (within Breton and Cromwell Car Parks)
- Data cabling for those car parks that require additional monitoring capabilities (Breton and Cromwell Car Parks)
- New charging facilities including smart charging points in Defoe Car Park, including the installation of passive cabling for future points.

Proposals

14. That the Barbican Residential Committee approve the following:

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- Officers to progress associated works to provide as many of the other car parks with charging facilities and connections via Smart Technology, that the current additional LEN funding allows
- Officers continue to update the EV WP and carry out a review after one year

15. Officers to provide EV Charging Users with a procedure user guide for the charge points including how they will be invoiced.

16. Officers to continue pursuing for alternative funding schemes to enable passive cabling infrastructure and the associated smart charging technology for the remaining car parks to allow the installation of individual charging units on an “on demand basis”.

Conclusions

17. This project is currently being fully funded by the LEN project. From 1 April 2019, costs and management associated with the EV charging in Barbican car parks will no longer be sustained by LEN funding. Recommendations to resolve this are laid out in paragraphs 1-6 of this report.

Background Papers

Electric Vehicle Charging Points Pilot Project - June 2017

Barbican Estate Residents Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure - January 2019

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