

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

Meeting: Marlborough Area Board

Place: The Assembly Room, Marlborough Town Hall, Marlborough, SN8 1AA

Date: Tuesday 3 December 2024

Time: 7.00 pm

The Agenda for the above meeting was published on 25 November 2024. Additional documents are now available and are attached to this Agenda Supplement.

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Area Board Briefing Note

Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Project

Service:	Highways Major Projects – Place
Date prepared:	November 2024
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Introduction

Wiltshire Council is asking for your views on where electric vehicle (EV) chargers could be installed in your communities.

In the year up to August 2024, 25% of all UK new car sales were electric vehicles, but not everyone has easy access to electric charging. In the UK around 80% of all EV charging is done at home, However, if you live in a house with no off-street parking then you can't legally install a home charger and you must rely on public charging.

As part of the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) project in Wiltshire, the council is looking to build a network of public on-street residential EV chargers throughout the county, ensuring public EV chargers are available for the residents who need them most.

Right Charger, Right Place

Wiltshire Council have been allocated £3.88m by the Department for Transport to build public on-street residential charging, primarily to serve residents without access to a home charger.

We will be partnering with commercial charge point operators (CPO's) to ensure we can deliver rapidly and at scale. Partner CPO's will bring sector expertise and contribute private funding, which will increase the number of EV charge points the LEVI project can deliver.

Data Led, Community Informed

The identification of priority sites for LEVI chargers will be led by robust data, but we also need to be informed by local knowledge about where there is a need for chargers in your communities, and where the most suitable locations are.

We are asking parish and town councils to share insights that will inform where electric vehicle chargers could be put in your community. Your responses to the survey, linked below, will be critical in our identifying areas of need and appropriate instal locations.

Survey Link: [Wiltshire Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure community survey](#)

Deadline for completion: 18th December 2024

Some town/parish councils have decided they don't have enough specific local information to fully complete the survey and have invited local residents to provide survey responses. This is acceptable, however, information supplied directly from councils will be given priority weighting.

If any town/parish council believes the survey too blunt a tool to fully capture their circumstances (e.g. area too big and varied), then please get in touch directly and we will organise discussions.

Details of EV Charging Provision

Many CPO's offer to install and operate EV chargers at zero cost to the landowner. However, these arrangements are generally only offered to locations that are currently commercially attractive, provide the host little control over locations and tariffs, and often incorporate unfavourable terms and conditions.

EV chargers installed through the LEVI project will be supplied, operated and maintained within the terms and conditions of a central contract, developed in collaboration with government advisory bodies. This approach will guarantee social equity of charger provision, ensuring rural and socially deprived areas see charging provision. Contract terms and key performance indicators will also ensure that tariffs are competitive, and any maintenance issues are resolved quickly.

Further Information

If you require any further information on the LEVI project, the survey or EV charging in general, please get in touch through the details at the head of this briefing note.

Thank you for your time and support.

Area Board Briefing Note – Cost of Living

Service:	Cost of Living
Date prepared:	13 November 2024
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Cost of Living

The Council is continuing to work with partners to deliver interventions that provide advice and support to our communities, including:

- Wiltshire libraries are continuing as warm spaces and as source of advice.
- We have contacted community providers and updated our [interactive guide](#) to help people find key support to combat fuel and food poverty. In addition, we are creating a page on the directory that gives an interactive advent calendar view of provision/opportunities over the Christmas period.
- Wiltshire bus users can continue to travel on most routes in the county for just £2 or less for a single fare until the end of December 2024. The cap will increase in 2025 and single bus fares will then be capped at £3 until at least 31st December 2025¹.
- In September the Government announcement to extend the Household Support Fund by 6 months till the end of April 2025². Officers analysed the impact of schemes delivered under the programme to further develop our approach to ensure that those households most in need are targeted for support. This includes working with Foodbanks and Community Food Providers to apply for funding to support their work.
- Additionally, it was announced in the Budget Statement, that an additional £1bn of funding had been allocated to extend the household support fund and discretionary housing payment to 2025/2026³.

¹ [National bus fare cap - GOV.UK](#)

² [Government support extended to help struggling households with bills and essential costs over winter - GOV.UK](#)

³ [Household support fund extended | Local Government Chronicle \(LGC\)](#)

- [Our website](#) and media channels offer a range of online support and sign-posting information on topics including council tax/benefits, energy advice and mental health support.
- A dedicated Wiltshire Wellbeing support line to provide advice and guidance, and officers are working with to improve processes to ensure people are directed to right support. Contact details on the phone are: 0300 003 4576, and email is: wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

Winter Fuel Payments and Pensions Credit

The Council has been actively supporting the campaign to raise awareness of the link between the winter fuel payment and pension credit. We are encouraging people to check if they're eligible for pension credit as that could help unlock getting the winter fuel payment (the deadline for that being 21 December).

Our activity includes:

- Promoting the messages on social media
- Sharing on residents' newsletter and business newsletter
- Sharing resources with Adult care team and community engagement team to share in their local networks
- Information to all members and town and parishes – including digital resources and example content for them to use on their own platforms.

The Government has written to all pensioners who are in receipt of Housing Benefit but are not claiming Pension Credit which include 707 in Wiltshire. In addition, our Revenue & Benefits team has also issued a letter to all 579 pensioners who are not claiming pension credit and could be eligible.

FUEL

The Council is pleased to say that, following a successful summer programme Wiltshire Council's Holiday Activity and Food programme (FUEL) will be back during the Christmas school holidays. It is funded by the Department for Education and provides children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals with free access to activity, food and nutritional education during school holidays. Eligible families will be able to sign up later in the year and details will be promoted through all schools in Wiltshire in due course. More information about FUEL can be found at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fuel-programme.

Area Board Briefing Note

Wiltshire Local Transport Plan Consultation

Service:	Highways and Transport
Date prepared:	28 November 2024
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The consultation for the Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) began on Thursday 28 November and runs until 23:59 on Friday 24 January 2025.

LTP4 covers the period 2025-2038 and will set the strategic direction for all transport in Wiltshire, including roads, buses, rail, walking and wheeling, freight, electric vehicles, road safety, highway network management and enhancement, car parking and more. It will set out how the county's existing transport infrastructure will be improved in the coming years.

Transport is an enabler for economic growth and so the council has taken a strategic, place-based approach to this LTP, as what is right for the county's market towns and city may not be right for rural areas. The plan aims to work for everyone, wherever they are in Wiltshire and however they wish to travel.

It is also recognised that cars are critical to Wiltshire's economy and so the LTP is not about stopping people using cars, but about reducing congestion and enabling people to move to alternatives, such as electric vehicles.

To enable people to find out more about the consultation and to ask questions, anyone can sign up for information webinars on Tuesday 3 December at 6pm and Monday 13 January at 6pm. Both webinars will have similar content, so if you can't make one of them, please sign up for the one you can attend.

Physical copies of LTP4 are available in Wiltshire Council hub and libraries, and people can respond to the consultation online in any library with computer access.

Please help to share this information and encourage your communities to take part and share their view through online survey, which is available on the Wiltshire Council website – please search for 'Wiltshire Local Transport Plan'.

