# Wiltshire Council

#### Cabinet Member for Transport, Street Scene and Flooding Cllr Caroline Thomas

### **Highways & Transport**

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#### **REFERENCE: HTW-04-23**

# 2023/24 FEE FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING

#### Purpose of Report

To approve a fee of £0.52 per kWh for the use of the Council's public electric vehicle charging points as approved in the Council's Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Plan 2021-24.

#### Consultation

The council's Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Plan 2021 – 24 was approved by Cabinet in October 2021 (Appendix 1). The Plan detailed the introduction of a fee for the provision of electricity and a full consultation exercise was undertaken at that time.

#### **Options Considered**

- 1. Having a higher cost per kWh is likely to be a cost barrier to users.
- 2. Having a lower cost per kWh would mean the service is financially unsustainable.

#### **Reason for Decision**

- 1. In October 2021 the council adopted its Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Plan 2021-24. An element of the Plan was to replace the council's current electric vehicle charging units and introduce a fee for the electricity used.
- 2. The replacement of the council's electric vehicle charging units will be completed this financial year (2023/ 24) and it is now appropriate to introduce the fee for electricity used, in line with the council's adopted Plan.
- 3. In 2022 Fleet News undertook a survey of providers for electric vehicle charging and found the national average charge was £0.53 per kWh.
- 4. To ensure a sustainable electric vehicle charging provision, it is necessary to increase the 2021 proposed fee in the Cabinet report of £0.35 per kWh (Appendix 2) by £0.17 per kWh (the increase in electricity costs to the council since 2021) to £0.52 per kWh.

# DECISION MADE

Following consultation, I give notice that I have made the decision set out in the attached report.

This decision was published on 5 May 2023 and will come into force on 16 May 2023.

## The following report and appendices are attached:

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Implementation Of Charges HTW-04-23 - Appendix 1 for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Implementation Of Charges HTW-04-23 - Appendix 2 for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Implementation Of Charges HTW-04-23 - Appendix 3 - Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

## The following supporting documents are available from the officer named above:

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Date:...5 May 2023