

## **Cabinet Member response to the recommendations of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee on Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure**

### **General comments**

I welcome the recommendations from the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee on this important matter.

I have considered each of the recommendations agreed by the committee on 24 October 2024 and my response is as follows:

### **Recommendation 1**

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change gives consideration to utilising all commercial opportunities available to the council in finalising the technical specification to procure an operator.

### **Cabinet Member Response**

The recommendation is accepted.

There are several commercial models available to local authorities in the deployment of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, ranging from land lease to own and operate. Each has its own opportunities and risk. We are working with specialist consultants to estimate potential usage and all project costs including installation, ongoing maintenance, project management etc, to model potential for income generation over the lifetime of the programme. This will take account of the fact that some sites will not be commercially viable for several years.

This information allows us to consider each of the commercial models in an informed way and make a recommendation for a sustainable and commercially viable business model that works for the county council beyond the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) programme. This work will be completed during January 2025 and will then inform the final technical specification that will make up the formal Invitation to Tender (ITT) documentation to appoint a chargepoint operator.