

## **Committee: Cabinet**

**Date: 19 June 2023**

Wards: All

## **Subject: Reference from the Electric Vehicle Charging Task Group**

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### **Recommendations:**

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1. That Cabinet considers the report and recommendations (attached in Appendix A) arising from the scrutiny review of Electrical Vehicle Charging in Merton.
  2. That Cabinet agrees to the implementation and inclusion of the recommendations through the Electric Vehicle Strategy due to be written by Future Merton working with the Cabinet Member for Transport.
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## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- A. To present the scrutiny review report on Electric Vehicle Charging in Merton for endorsement and seek approval to implement the review recommendations through the Electric Vehicle Strategy.

## **2 DETAILS**

- 2.1. This task group was established by the Council's Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel. Following suggestions received during the topic selection campaign, the Panel agreed to undertake a scrutiny review of Electric Vehicle Charging in Merton to consider how the Council can best support the rapid increase in electric vehicles across the borough, including the necessary infrastructure, such as electric charging points.
- 2.2. The recommendations of the review are set out in Appendix A.

## **3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 3.1. The Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel can select topics for scrutiny review and for other scrutiny work as it sees fit, taking into account the views and suggestions from officers, partner organisations and the public.
- 3.2. Cabinet is constitutionally required to receive, consider, and respond to scrutiny recommendations within two months of receiving them at a meeting.
- 3.3. Cabinet is not, however, required to agree and implement recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny. Cabinet could agree to implement some, or none, of the recommendations made in the scrutiny review final report.

## **4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

- 4.1. In carrying out its review, the task group questioned senior council officers as well as hearing from other local authorities.

## **5 TIMETABLE**

5.1. As the next meeting of the Sustainable Communities Panel takes place on 26 June 2023 (after Cabinet on 19 June), the report and background information was circulated via email for approval from the Sustainable Communities Chair and Panel Members.

5.2. The report was approved by the Panel via email in May 2023 where it was agreed to present the report to Cabinet

## **6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1. None for the purpose of this report. None for the purposes of this covering report. It is envisaged that the recommendations in the attached report will not have any major resource implications. However, any specific resource implications will be identified and presented to Cabinet prior to agreeing an action plan for implementing the report's recommendations.

## **7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1. None for the purposes of this report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the legal and statutory implications of the topic being scrutinised.

## **8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

8.1. It is a fundamental aim of the scrutiny process to ensure that there is full and equal access to the democratic process through public involvement and engaging with local partners in scrutiny reviews. Furthermore, the outcomes of reviews are intended to benefit all sections of the local community.

## **9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

9.1. None for the purposes of this report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the crime and disorder implications of the topic being scrutinised.

## **10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

10.1. There are no risk management and health and safety implications as a result of this report.

## **11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

11.1. Appendix A – Recommendations

## **12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None