

Environmental and Sustainability Committee



17th of September 2024

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| Title | Green Initiatives Fund Bid – Electric Vehicle Charging |
| Purpose of the report | To make a decision |
| Report Author | Tim Snook Sustainability and Flood Risk Officer. |
| Ward(s) Affected | All Wards |
| Exempt | No |
| Exemption Reason | N/A |
| Corporate Priority | Environment |
| Recommendations | <p>Committee is asked to:</p> <p>Consider the request for funding of £7,787.38 to offset the already spent cost of the provision sufficient electric vehicle (EV) charging to enable operation of the Council’s electric fleet. Additionally, to enable staff access to reliable workplace EV charge points. This is a retroactive request due to the operational significance of rectifying the issue as soon as possible.</p> |
| Reason for Recommendation | Decisions need to be made by the Committee following consideration of the bid by the Climate Change Working Group. |

1. Summary of the report

| What is the situation | Why we want to do something |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee is asked to consider the funding application for green initiatives funding concerning a project to reduce material output and cut carbon. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce the carbon emissions associated with the inefficient current charge point back-end operator. The existing charge points were rendered inoperable by the previous back-end system. |
| This is what we want to do about it | These are the next steps |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the green initiatives funding to provision sufficient electric vehicle (EV) charging to | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilising the green initiatives fund, actioning the proposals set out within the bid. |

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| enable operation of the Council's electric fleet. | |
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1.1 This report seeks to set out a decision on the grant of funding from an application the sustainability and climate change team, considered by the Climate Change Working Group in accordance with the Council's requirements for bids to the Green Initiatives Fund.

2. Key issues

2.1 The bid form set out the criteria that the proposed project should meet, as well as guidance on who may apply.

2.2 The work was essential in bringing the council charge points back to operational functionality.

3. Options analysis and proposal

3.1 Option 1, to agree the proposed green initiatives fund bid amounting to £7,787.38 to offset the cost changing the back-end service operator of the council electric charge points that has already been spent.

3.2 Option 2, not to agree to funding from the green initiatives fund, the implication of which will lead to an overspend of a corporate budget.

4. Financial management comments

4.1 The Council allocated £747,000 to create the Green Initiative Fund to address the Climate Emergency the Council declared in October 2020 and bids totalling £167,519 so far have been claimed, with £579,481 still to spend. An additional £66,400 has been committed but not yet spent.

4.2 The new software will reduce the costs of running Spelthorne Borough Council's fleet as there will no longer be an arbitrary and unavoidable 50p connection charge for all charging events.

4.3 The amount requested to cover the spend is £7,787.38.

5. Risk management comments.

5.1 Any proposals need take risks and mitigation measures.

6. Procurement comments

6.1 The procurement of this service was conducted under an exemption due to the time sensitivity of returning the charge points to a functional state in a timely manner.

7. Legal comments

7.1 There are no legal considerations to be taken into account.

8. Other considerations

8.1 There are other considerations.

9. Equality and Diversity

9.1 Any proposals need take account of equality and diversity and mitigation measures.

10. Sustainability/Climate Change Implications

10.1 The nature of the applications to the Green Initiatives Fund requires them to meet the criteria set out in the Bid Form.

11. Timetable for implementation

11.1 4th of May 2024 - MAT & Climate Change Working Group

11.2 17th of September 2024 – E&S Committee

11.3 September 2024 – Reallocation of funds.

12. Contact

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Background papers: There are none.

Appendices:

Appendix A - Bid form from Tim Snook – Sustainability and Flood Risk Officer.