## Spelthorne Borough Council

# Requests for Funding from the Green Initiatives Fund



Prior to making this application, please consider carefully the criteria below to the make sure you meet and evidence meeting the criteria below. If you do not meet the criteria your application will not progress to the Climate Change Working Group and Environment Sustainability Committee for consideration. If you require any further assistance with completing this form or would like to receive the form and guidance in an alternative format, please ask.

Your project must meet at least one of the following criteria:

#### The project ...

- a) Contributes to meeting the Council's climate change targets of meeting net zero in the Council estate or the wider Spelthorne community.
- b) Provides opportunities to create and support carbon sink initiatives within the Borough, including landscaping and more tree planting.
- c) Contributes towards reducing the carbon footprint of the Council's estate and the Borough as a whole.
- d) Develops opportunities to improve facilities for walking and cycling in the Borough to help reduce car use.
- e) Encourages more sustainable travel.
- f) Improves and encourages waste prevention and recycling.
- g) Meets Spelthorne Borough Council's objectives for the Environment in the Corporate Plan and complies with at least one of our key objectives.
- h) Contributes to developing opportunities for larger projects which address 'green' priorities within the Corporate Plan.

#### Applicants must ...

- i) Belong to an organisation that can prove financial stability over a period of time and not have any existing large balances not allocated.
- j) Not apply for multiple elements of financial support for the same objective. (Unless you are specifically requesting match funding.)
- k) Have clearly defined outcomes and deliverables for the funding requested.
- Address how they will monitor key performance indicators towards their goals and demonstrate how they have been successful in achieving them.

#### **Contact details**

| Name and position   | Tim Snook, Sustainability and Flood Risk Officer                 |
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| Organisation  | Spelthorne Borough Council                                       |
| Charity CIO number (if applicable)                            |  |
| Address of organisation                                       |  |
| Location services will be provided or project will take place | The White House Depot, The Greeno Centre, The Fordbridge Centre. |
| Contact phone   |  |
| Contact email   | t.snook@spelthorne.gov.uk  |

### **Your Project**

Please provide information to clearly demonstrate what you wish to achieve with the funding you are applying for and how you will measure success.

Please provide as much detail as possible here including who are your stakeholders, where and how the funding will be spent. Please detail the importance of this and why you believe this funding will contribute positively to mitigating or adapting to climate change. Please refer to our Corporate Plan and aims and detail which one/s your proposal supports.

You can also submit additional information to support your application by email.

| Considerations              | Response  |
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| Aims and Project Objectives | Aim:  |
| Corporate Priority          | To increase the provision of electric vehicle charge points for the council vehicle fleet.  |
| Alignment                   | Objectives:   |
|                             | <ul> <li>Assess the requirements at each site</li> <li>Create a business case for development</li> <li>Procure the appropriate services in accordance with the standing orders</li> <li>Implement the desired solution</li> </ul> |
|                             | This project is in direct alignment with the corporate priorities of the environment, resilience and community.   |

| Business justification provided and options considered including Benefits, Deliverables & Objectives - High Level Financials & ROI in terms of carbon savings, wellbeing benefits, reduction in pollution, seed corn funding  How will you measure success? | The current electric vehicle charge point capacity is operating at the limit in being able to charge the council's electrified fleet. Therefore, any further procurement of electric vehicles will require further development in the charging infrastructure.  Benefits  • More accessible charging points, which supports the increasing capacity of the Council's electrified fleet.  • Increasing the use of Electric Vehicle's aligns with the Council's strategic goal of net carbon emissions.  Deliverables  • Increased number of charge points.  • Increase number of fast EV charge points.  • More vehicles can be charged during work hours.  Objectives  • Provision of EV charge points at Council owned sites.  • Compliance with regulations and standards  • Promote sustainability by encouraging the use of electric vehicles.  • Capacity to charge more vehicles.  • Develop KPIs for contract management.  • Measure the operational use of the charge points. E.g. show busy periods or downtimes.  • Ease of use of the charge points. Measure how satisfied are the users of the charge points.  • Reduction of carbon emissions as a result of the increased use of EV vehicles within the Council's fleet.  • Total number of new charging points installed. |
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| Indicative Timeframes   |  |
| Risks   | Risks to the project are:         Space availability – consideration needs to be given to the space required to install EV charge units.         User behaviours – consideration needs to be given to how the charge units are used. It may be necessary to carry out demonstrations to ensure that the charge units are used safely and correctly.  |

| Stakeholder Identification   | <ul> <li>Regulations and Standards - Compliance with local and national regulations (e.g., IET Wiring Regulations, safety standards). Failure to comply could result in legal action. The chosen supplier is knowledgeable in legislation specific to Spelthorne.</li> <li>Failure to meet the Council's climate change targets of meeting net zero emissions in the Council estate.</li> <li>Neighbourhood services, Assets, Facilities, Independent living, Projects Team, Sustainability</li> </ul>   |
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| Roles & Responsibilities   | Neighbourhood services – NS vehicles will be using the EV charge points on site.  Assets – EV charge points will be on Councilowned land.  Facilities – Responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of Council-owned land.  Independent living – IL vehicles will be using the EV charge points on site.  Projects Team – Project support  Supplier – responsible for supplying and maintaining the EV charge points.  Sustainability Officer – Project Manager  Project Sponsor – Sandy Muirhead  Legal – responsible for any commercial contracts  Procurement – responsible for procuring the services of an external supplier for the maintenance and installation of EV charge points. |
| Communication Plan   | Reporting to MAT, Climate Change Working Group and Committee.  |
| Amount of funding applied for from Spelthorne  | £64,000  |
| Funding agreed from elsewhere  | No other funding agreed.   |
| Please identify where services will be delivered                                     | The White House Depot, The Greeno Centre, The Fordbridge Centre.   |
| How have you identified the need for carbon reduction or environmental improvements? | Through the direction given in task 19 of the climate change strategy, adopted 2022.  The need for EV Charging rapid hubs on council owned sites aligns with environmental goals, economic benefits, and the borough's strategic position. By investing in EV infrastructure, Spelthorne Borough Council will be making  |

| progressive steps towards a greener and more sustainable future.  |
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| Spelthorne Borough Council plans to be Net Zero emissions by 2050 with offsetting through renewable schemes such as this. |

#### Reviewing the application

Once applications have been received, they will be reviewed to ensure that they meet the criteria.

Where applicants do not meet the criteria, they will be told that their application cannot be taken further and signposted to other potential financial support available for what you are trying to achieve.

If it is obvious that an error has been made and crucial information has mistakenly been omitted, and where we are able, we will endeavour to contact you to give you the opportunity to provide the missing information.

It is important to note that unfortunately meeting the criteria does not guarantee you will receive funding from the Green Initiatives Fund. Applications received and those evidencing that they meet our criteria will be considered by the Climate Change Working Group who will then recommend those to go to the Environment and Sustainability Committee for formal approval.

In exceptional cases we may ask you for further information or clarification during the Climate Change Working Group's consideration of your application. The Environment and Sustainability Committee has the final say. We are required to follow this process as we are using public money and need to follow due process.

#### The final decision and payment

The Climate Change Working Group may decide to recommend to the Environment and Sustainability Committee:

- a) That your organisation gets awarded the full amount applied for.
- b) That your organisations receive an award for a lower amount than applied for.
- c) That your organisation has been unsuccessful for the current year.

Contact details S.Muirhead s.muirhead@spelthorne.gov.uk

#### Appendix 1 For Non-Council Organisations the following will also be required

#### **Financial status:**

Please provide your last set of audited accounts and preferably, where possible, for the previous year. Please note that these will be treated in the strictest confidence, but we need to be reassured that your organisation is financially able to deliver what you are applying for. If you are unable to provide audited accounts, please contact us as a matter of urgency to discuss what you can provide and when. They can be sent securely by email or attached to the electronic application form.

Please provide details of all funding that you have applied for, for the year 2022-2023. Please include any applications you have made for funding that remain pending, along with those refused, agreed, or agreed in part. In addition, if you have been advised that an offer of match funding has been made please include that in the table below.

Other grant or applications for financial assistance for the year 2022-2023

| Organisation applied for, for funding | Reason for application to Green Initiatives Fund | Application amount | Current status of application |
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## The Aims of your organisation:

It is extremely helpful for the Committee to know about your organisation. How, why and when it was set up and for what purpose. What are your key objectives and how have these changed?

| When was your organisation set up?              |  |
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| If you have charity status when was it awarded? |  |
| Why was your organisation created?              |  |
| What are you aiming to achieve?                 |  |
| How do you measure success generally?           |  |