

REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR PLACE

TO LEAD MEMBER BRIEFING FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

20TH September 2022

TITLE: E – Taxi and PHV Vehicle Charging Bays

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Lead Member for Planning, Transport and Sustainable Development approves the introduction of E Taxi and PHV Bays as detailed within this report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure is key driver of Greater Manchester (GM)'s ambitions for the environment. EV charging is a core enabler of GM's ambition to be a carbon-neutral city region by 2038, and the proposals in the Greater Manchester Outline Business Case to tackle Nitrogen Dioxide Exceedances at the Roadside (GM Clean Air Plan) are underpinned by encouraging GM businesses to switch to low and zero emissions vehicles. As part of the public conversation in 2019 the GM Clean Air Plan (GM CAP) proposals, the availability of charging points was cited as a key barrier for businesses and individuals in switching to an EV.

Greater Manchester currently has approximately 506 publicly accessible charge points operated and maintained by a number of operators. This includes 142 publicly funded Electric Vehicle Charging points, part of the 'Be.EV network'.

GM has secured £2.4m of Office of Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) funding to facilitate the rollout of no less than 30 dedicated rapid Taxi / private Hire Vehicles (PHV) charging points in locations that will be highly favourable to both the Hackney (Taxi) and Private Hire trades. The GM Clean Air Plan (GM CAP) also has £3.5m of funding for a further 30 dedicated rapid Taxi charging points.

Three car parks have been identified as suitable for the introduction of these charging points. These being Church Road Swinton, Hankinson Way Pendlebury and John William Street, Eccles.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None

KEY DECISION:

No

DETAILS:

Given the similarities in scope between the OZEV Taxi EV project and the CAP Taxi EV project have been combined for delivery, and the charging points will be delivered using a phased approach in order to best utilise TfGM, Local Authority and ENWL resources.

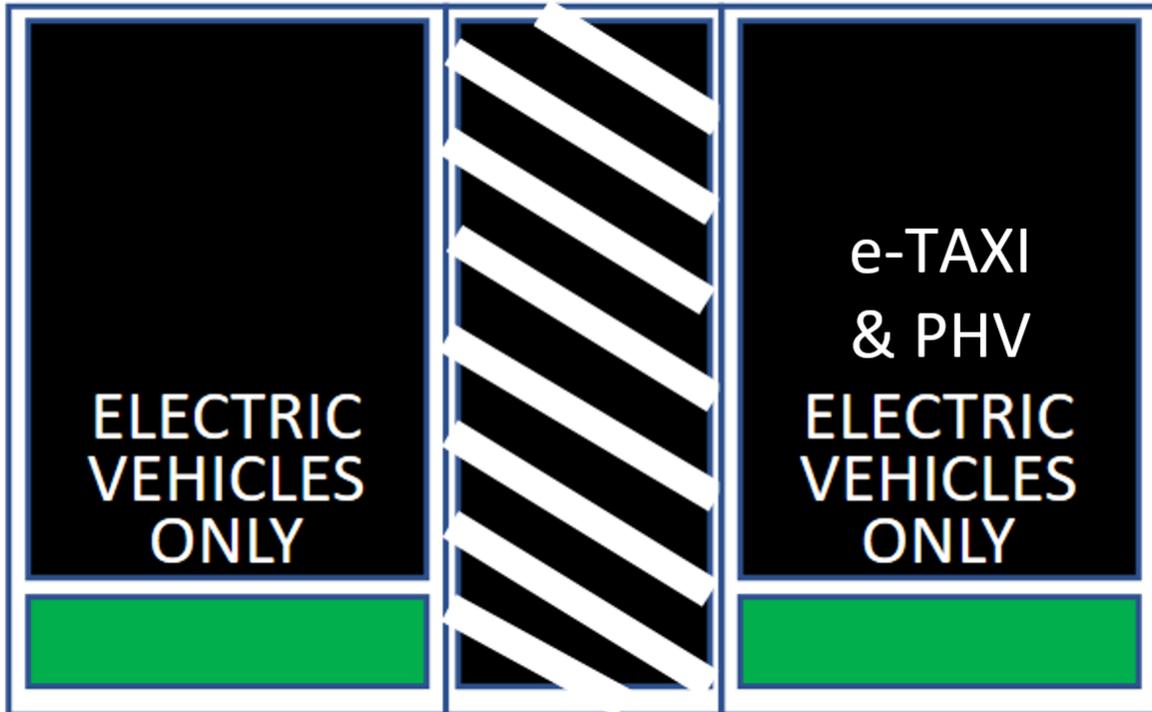
The delivery and operation of Greater Manchester's publicly funded Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (including the new Taxi / Private Hire Vehicle EV Charging Infrastructure) is co-ordinated by TfGM, so that EV can integrate its delivery with wider strategic GM responsibilities such as sustainable journeys, carbon reduction and Clean Air.

The Traffic Signs Manual offers advice to traffic authorities and their contractors, designers and managing agents in the United Kingdom, on the use of traffic signs and road markings on the highway network. Mandatory requirements are set out in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (as amended) (TSRGD). The road marking required for an Electric Vehicle Charging Bay are not prescribed i.e. not detailed in the Traffic Signs Manual.

Including road markings for the Taxi / PHV Electric Vehicle Charging Bay only is seen as necessary to ensure the easy identification of these bays to Taxi / PHV drivers and deter the members of the public from trying to use them.

The car parks are all controlled by an appropriate TRO and this will be amended to enable effective enforcement of the E Taxi bays. Furthermore, only GM registered operators of Taxi and PHV will be eligible to apply for a 'membership card' to operate the chargers. The TRO is being progressed separately.

Approval is also being sought for a GM standard bay marking to be applied to the new E Taxi charging bays, detailed below.



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KEY COUNCIL POLICIES:

Local Transport Plan

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

ASSESSMENT OF RISK:

The scheme is grant funded, managed and delivered through TfGM contracts.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The scheme is funded from OZEV and GM CAP funding through TfGM

PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

HR IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

OTHER DIRECTORATES CONSULTED:

None

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