# EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

#### 22 April 2015

# Report by Director of Environment

# THE EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL (ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING BAY) (ON-STREET & OFF STREET CAR PARKS) ORDER 20[\*\*]

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of the report is to seek the Council's approval for the making of The East Renfrewshire Council (Electric Vehicle Charging Bay) (On-Street & Off-Street Car Parks) Order 2015.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

2. It is recommended that the Council approve and authorise the making of The East Renfrewshire Council (Electric Vehicle Charging Bay) (On-Street & Off-Street Car Parks) Order 2015 and delegates to the Director of Environment the implementation of the Order in accordance with the associated statutory procedures.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 3. As part of the Scottish Government's vision that by 2050 road transport will be almost completely decarbonised, it encouraged local authorities to participate in a project to provide a network of plug-in charging points for electric vehicles. Members will recall that a report was submitted to Cabinet in September 2014 detailing the grant assistance that was available. In addition, a supplier framework agreement was provided to support the procurement process. Within East Renfrewshire electric vehicle charging points have been installed at
  - On-Street Rouken Glen Road (Spur from Spiersbridge Road to house number 29 Rouken Glen Road)
  - Off Street Car Parks Eastwood Park Rouken Glen Road, Giffnock; The Foundry, Water Road Barrhead; Kingston Road Neilston; Mary Young Place, Busby.

# **REPORT**

- 4. To ensure that the use of the electric vehicle charging points are for the exclusive use of electric vehicles that are actively charging, it is proposed that they are included within a Traffic Regulation Order. This will enable the Council's Wardens to enforce any contravention of the Regulations and issue Penalty Charge Notices.
- 5. Consultation on the draft Order complied with "The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) Scotland Regulations 1999 (and subsequent amendments)". The emergency services and all other organisations / persons likely to be affected by any provision in the Orders (including Community Councils and Elected Members) were notified of the proposals.

In addition, Notices advising of the proposals were published in the 'Glasgow South & Eastwood Extra' and the 'Barrhead News' during week beginning 9 February 2015.

6. The Council did not receive any objections to these proposals.

#### FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

- 7. The grant assistance, mentioned above, covered the costs associated with the installation of the charging equipment and its maintenance for 3 years. The Council has agreed to meet the initial electricity cost which is estimated to be a cumulative total of £200 per annum.
- 8. The financial implications of implementing the Traffic Regulation Order will also be met from the aforementioned grant assistance. Any future cost will be met from the Council's Parking Account. This is an account held under the terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and it is a requirement under Section 55 of the Act that the Parking Account income and expenditure are reported annually to the Scottish Government.
- 9. There will be future financial and staffing implications resulting from normal maintenance costs associated with updating / amending the Order, as it is continually evolving as and when new parking places are installed or replaced. There will be a requirement to renew / refresh lining and signing, update the Wardens hand held computers and carry out publicity. Therefore, based on averages from previous years, and with the continual additional amendments to the Order, it is estimated that costs will be in the region of £1000 £3000 per annum.
- 10. These costs will be met from existing resources.

### CONSULTATION

11. The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 sets out the statutory requirements for consultation. The Council has met the procedural requirements.

#### PARTNERSHIP WORKING

- 12. The proposed Order involved partnership working with Elected Members and the community through the process of formal statutory consultation.
- 13. The Council's parking enforcement is a joint working arrangement between Roads & Transportation Services and Corporate & Community Services. The Service departments have worked closely on the preparation of the draft Traffic Regulation Order to ensure that the new restrictions can be readily enforced and incorporated into the work programme.

#### **IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS**

14. There will be no property, IT or equalities implications arising from the proposals. There is a positive sustainability outcome as the proposal supports a reduction in carbon emissions.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

15. It is concluded that the Council should approve and authorise the making of The East Renfrewshire Council (Electric Vehicle Charging Bay) (On-Street & Off-Street Car Parks) Order 2015.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

16. It is recommended that the Council approve and authorise the making of The East Renfrewshire Council (Electric Vehicle Charging Bay) (On-Street & Off-Street Car Parks) Order 2015 and delegates to the Director of Environment the implementation of the Order in accordance with the associated statutory procedures.

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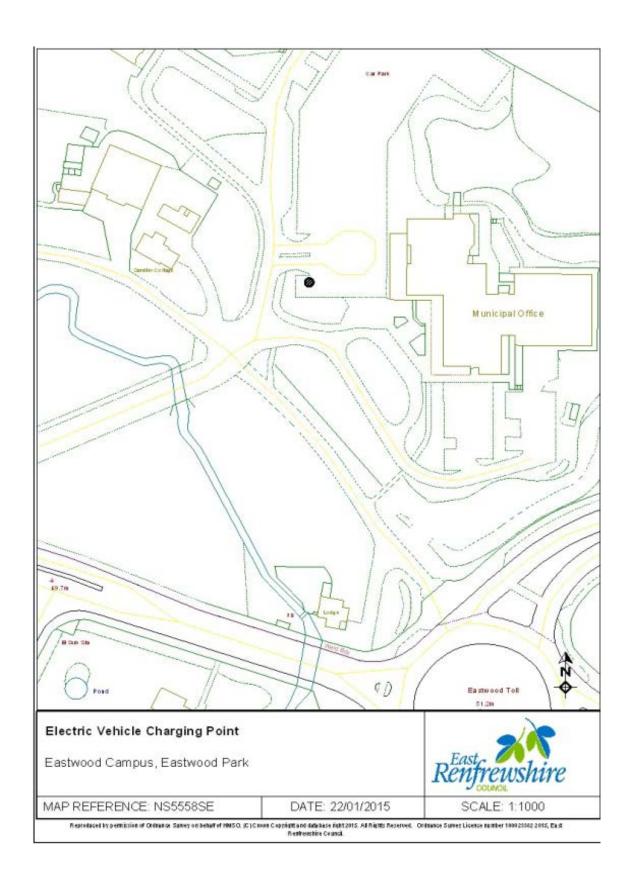
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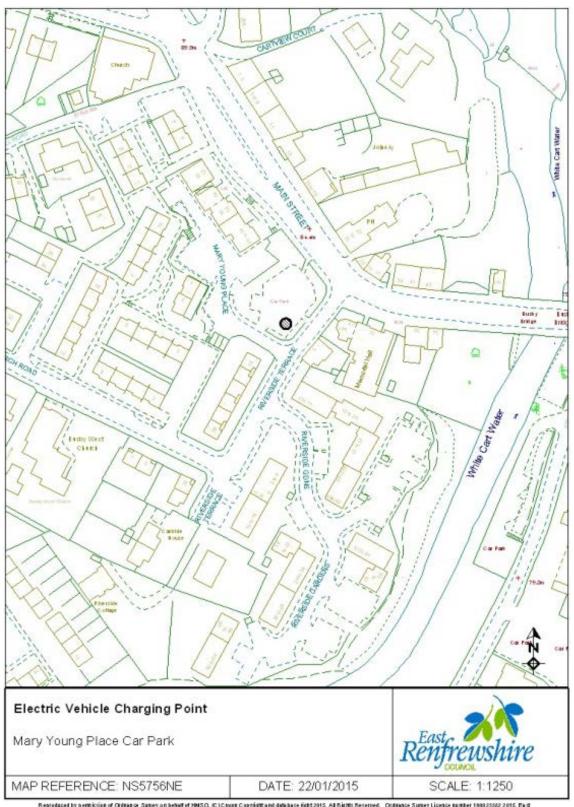
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