

OFFICER DECISION NOTICE



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A. Decisions taken by officers under a specific express delegation from Council or a Committee.

B. Decisions taken by officers under a general delegation from Council or a Committee, which relates to (i) a permission or a licence, or (ii) the rights of an individual, or (iii) a contract or expenditure **over £100,000**.

1. Title of decision:	Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure – Award of on street EV Charging Network to successful Supplier - Char.gy.
2. Date of the decision:	22 January 2026
3. The decision maker:	Assistant Director of Environmental & Commercial Services

4. Decision details:

To enter into a 15-year (with possible 1-year extension) contract with Char.gy the successful bidder to deliver on street Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging in Reading.

5. Reasons for the decision:

The scheme is being supported by a £866,000 government grant specifically to encourage private investment in EV charging infrastructure. The scheme will deliver an onstreet EV charging network for residents without off street parking. This aligns with the Council's EV Charging Infrastructure Strategy (a key aspect of the Council's Local Transport Plan) which contains objectives to ensure public EV charging provision is provided to ensure the uptake of EVs is not constrained by a lack infrastructure and to ensure charge points are appropriately distributed to ensure equitable access across the town.

6. Alternative options considered (if any) and rejected:

None

7. List of open Background Papers:

None

8. List of confidential or exempt Background Papers:

None

9. Any other matters taken into consideration:

<input type="checkbox"/> Legitimate expectation of consultation	<input type="checkbox"/> Procedural requirements
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Health implications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental or Climate Change
<input type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Risk Management implications
<input type="checkbox"/> Transparency of Information (FOI etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> Privacy Impact Assessments
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights Act Duties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equality Impact Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Parenting	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Safety
<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory duties	<input type="checkbox"/> EU withdrawal
<input type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces Covenant	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Details of the matters taken into account:	

10. Legal considerations

The Borough Council, as Highway Authority, has a duty under the Highways Act 1980 to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the safe passage along a highway.

This is a concession contract, and compliance is covered under the Concession Contract Regulations 2016. The Regulations require that concession contracts are procured through a competitive tendering process. A long term of 15 years with an optional extension for 1 year is proposed for the award of this contract in order to secure financial stability for both the Council and the successful tenderer.

This is a key decision under Reading Borough Council, Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs). The procurement activities must be conducted in an open and transparent manner, and they must ensure that the Council obtains value for money.

The Council has produced an Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy, Strategic Environment Planning & Transport Committee Report refer: [Agenda for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport Committee on Wednesday, 13th March, 2024, 6.30 pm - Reading Borough Council.](#)

11. Financial considerations

The delivery of EV Charging will be funded by the successful tenderer using their own capital or Grant funding in addition to £766k of £866k LEVI Grant funding that the Council have been awarded. The Council will reserve £100k from the secured LEVI fund, as mentioned previously, to support resident applications for cross pavement connections.

There are no Direct Capital implications of this scheme, outside of the initial grant funding, the installation, operations and maintenance of any EV charging apparatus installed within Reading will be carried out by the successful tenderer at their own cost.

Charg.gy will be required to pay to the Council a minimum rebate of £65k annual fee increasing in accordance with RPI every year. This is due to commence from 1st April 2027. Ahead of this during 2025/26 the LEVI capability fund will be used to fund

the £65k of Revenue costs incurred. The Council has set a gross margin share (revenue minus cost of energy) of 3% rebate to commence when this meets/exceeds the mandatory payment of £65k per annum. The Council will then receive the greater of the two figures. This will mean the Council will as a minimum recover its direct Revenue costs incurred.

12. Internal consultations

None

Sections 13-18: To be completed only for Decision A (express delegation from a Committee)

13. The name of the Committee:	Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport Committee
14. Date of the meeting:	26 June 2025
15. Minute number:	6(2)
16. The delegation given by the Committee:	That the Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport Committee provide delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Environmental & Commercial Services, in consultation with the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment Planning & Transport, Assistant Director of Legal & Democratic Services and the Director of Finance to enter into a 15-year (with possible 1-year extension) contract with the successful bidder to deliver on street Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging in Reading.
17. The name of any member of the committee who declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision:	None
18. Any councillor or officer required to be consulted prior to the exercise of this delegation and details of their response.	Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment Planning & Transport Assistant Director of Environmental & Commercial Services, Assistant Director of Legal & Democratic Services Director of Finance