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Recent news

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

The City of Edinburgh Community Planning Partnership, of which the Council is a member, has been offered grant funding of £220,000 by Transport Scotland and the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) to install Electric Vehicle Charging Points at locations within the Council's boundary.

The Partnership has assessed a considerable number of suitable Charging Point locations at various sites across the city. This has been refined to create a shortlist, which was subsequently submitted to Transport Scotland as part of the process for obtaining funding.

The shortlist includes Hermiston, Ingliston and Straiton Park and Ride sites. All three sites will receive a 21Kw 'fast' Charging Point, which can recharge a typical battery in around 2 hours. In addition, a 60Kw 'rapid' Charging Point, which can recharge a battery in around 30 minutes, will be installed at Ingliston and Straiton.

The remaining short listed Charging Points are at the East, West and North Council Neighbourhood Offices and at various sites belonging to other Partnership members.

Transport Scotland is creating a website and associated brand identity to promote Scotland's electric vehicle infrastructure. Each Charging Point will also be added to the National Chargepoint Registry (www.nationalchargepointregistry.com). In addition, the Council will publicise the availability of these charging points in advance of their commissioning.

It is expected that all Charging Points will be installed and ready for public use by 30 June 2013. There will be no fee to the public for their use until at least 2014.

Once operational, the Charging Point at Hermiston will be publicly accessible at all times, while those at Ingliston and Straiton will be available throughout the sites' operating hours (approximately 18 hours per day).

Transport Scotland has indicated that similar funding is likely to be made available in future years. Should further

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Transport 2030 Vision – Be environmentally friendly – reducing the impacts of transport, in particular playing its full part in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Coalition Pledge - P50 – meet greenhouse gas targets, including the national target of 42% by 2020.

Council Strategic Outcome – CO18 – Green – We reduce the local environmental impact of our consumption and production.

Council Strategic Outcome – CO22 – Moving efficiently – Edinburgh has a transport system that improves connectivity and is green, healthy and accessible.

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<p>funding become available, the Partnership will consider the installation of further Charging Points at Edinburgh's Park and Ride sites.</p> <p>The Council will also investigate the scope for introducing on-street Charging Points at suitable locations in the city, such as local town centres like Leith Walk.</p>	
<p>East Coast Main Line Authorities</p> <p>The Council has joined others along the East Coast Main Line (ECML) in forming the East Coast Mainline Authorities (ECMA) 19 Authorities have confirmed their membership.</p> <p>In December 2012, ECMA presented a Statement to Simon Burns (Minister of State for Transport); this outlined the funding requirements considered necessary by the rail industry and ECMA.</p> <p>On 24 January, the second ECMA meeting took place, attended by Councillor Hinds. The Council is to convene a meeting of Scottish members, and prepare a note on its views on the Economic case/priorities for improvement on the ECML.</p> <p>Two meetings being arranged with DfT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement in the franchise process. • Developing the business case for investment. <p>Two meetings being arranged with Network Rail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meeting with the Technical Officers Group. 	<p>ECMA was established to provide a joined-up perspective of priorities for the ECML, beyond transport, highlighting its wider social and economic importance. By agreeing collective investment priorities, it will operate to influence re-franchising and infrastructure decisions.</p> <p>The group aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articulate a view of the greater potential for economic growth provided by ECML. • Raise awareness of investment priorities. • Get the local government voice heard. • Strengthen its working relationship with the industry on ECML's strategic development. <p>To be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forming a technical group to prepare a positioning statement. • Maintaining a statement of the group's position throughout franchising. • Developing a communications and

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lobbying strategy for a collective view on the ECML.

- Developing shared evidence for use by individual authorities and groups.

Simon Burns (Minister of State for Transport), when meeting ECMA, indicated:

- Given competing priorities, the £240 million investment is already committed for 2014-19. He challenged ECMA to develop a business case for the additional £260 million it and the rail industry considers necessary to deliver eight key projects on the ECML. (Capacity relief Huntingdon North Junction-Fletton Junction possibly 4-tracking part/all; grade separation/other means for freight trains from/to March to access the GN/GE Joint Line at Peterborough independently of ECML up and down fast; Darlington, Doncaster and Peterborough area improvements; grade separate existing flat crossing at Newark by Nottingham-Lincoln lines; Ferryhill-

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	<p>Newcastle capacity enhancement; Doncaster-Wakefield additional capacity)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A commitment to work with LAs and PTEs on widening stakeholder engagement in advance of the franchise process. <p>A willingness to listen to Authorities' views on how to involve them and consider options for involvement and perhaps some risk share in franchise.</p>
<p>Update: Cultivating Communities: A Growing Challenge Allotment Strategy for the City of Edinburgh 2010-2015</p>	
<p>Actions underway to deliver the strategy objectives include:</p>	
<p>1. Ensuring adequate provision of allotments</p> <p>Additional demand for allotments in Edinburgh has reached 2,746 customers from 2,367 in 2010. Over the past eighteen months three new allotment sites have been opened, India Place, Drumbryden and Inchkeith Court. This has resulted in an increase in managed plots from 1,282 to 1,348.</p> <p>A new site at Kirkliston is scheduled to open in early spring 2013 with two additional sites at Hawkhill/Nesbit Court and Albert Street being transferred to the council allotment estate in 2014. These will collectively add a further 29 plots.</p> <p>Consultation on new allotment sites is progressing at Baronscourt (for which SfC has allocated £50k), Saughtonhall, and Salvesen Terrace.</p>	

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<p>2. Encourage other forms of food growing</p> <p>The Bridgend Health Project continues to be successful, encouraging community involvement, promoting sustainability and providing new and existing allotment holders with training.</p>	
<p>3. Provide high quality allotments</p> <p>The Council is providing input into an ongoing review of design standards led by the Scottish Association of Allotments and Gardens Society with the view of agreeing a national standard.</p>	
<p>4. Ensure good administration</p> <p>A new set of allotment regulations to replace those drawn up in 1913 have been developed and are currently under consideration by the Scottish Government. We expect to have them approved by the end of 2013.</p>	
<p>5. Develop and sustain partnership working</p> <p>The Council continues to provide support in principle of the establishment and management of community growing schemes.</p>	
<p>6. Secure resources</p> <p>An additional £35,000 revenue has been secured for access improvements at seven sites and works are due for completion by March 2013.</p>	

Forthcoming activities:

The Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee will meet on Friday 10 May 2013. Papers for this meeting will be available online from Monday 6 May 2013.

The next meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee will be at 10 am on Tuesday 4 June 2013 in the Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh. Papers for this meeting will be available online from Wednesday 29 May 2013.