

Part A

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: Thursday, 24 February 2022

Report author: Senior Democratic Services Officer

Title: Electric Vehicles Task Group final report

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report provides Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the final report and recommendations of the Electric Vehicles Task Group. The full report is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to review the report prior to it being forwarded to Cabinet.

2.0 Risks

- 2.1 No direct risks to the council have been identified as a result of the task group's recommendations.

Recommendations

- 3.1 That the final report and recommendations of the Electric Vehicles Task Group be agreed and forwarded to Cabinet.

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3.0 Detailed proposal

- 3.1 At its meeting on 16 December 2021, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to establish a task group to consider how Watford Borough Council could continue to enable the use of electric vehicles in the borough.

3.2 At that meeting, the membership of the task group was agreed. The following councillors were appointed:

- Councillor Simon Feldman (Chair)
- Councillor Mark Hofman
- Councillor Glen Saffery
- Councillor Jessica Stiff
- Councillor Dennis Watling

3.3 The task group met virtually on two occasions in January 2022. At the first meeting the task group received a presentation on electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the borough. At the second meeting, members reviewed documentation related to wider policies in Watford to enable electric vehicles and considered their conclusions and recommendations.

3.4 The recommendations contained in the report will go to Cabinet on 28 February for their consideration.

3.5 Any further comments from the committee will be reported to Cabinet verbally.

4.0 **Implications**

5.1 **Financial**

5.1.1 The Shared Director of Finance comments that it is expected that the majority of proposals set out within the report can be delivered within existing resources. If a need for further funding is identified this will be brought forward for approval through the normal budget setting process.

5.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

5.2.1 The Group Head of Democracy and Governance comments that there are no direct legal implications in this report.

5.3 **Equalities, Human Rights and Data Protection**

5.3.1 There are no specific implications in this report.

5.4 **Staffing**

5.4.1 There are no staffing implications in this report.

5.5 **Accommodation**

5.5.1 There are no accommodation implications in this report.

5.6 Community Safety/Crime and Disorder

5.6.1 There are no community safety implications in this report.

5.7 Sustainability

5.7.1 Enabling the use of electric vehicles is an important part of the council's sustainability agenda and the recommendations are focused on this.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Electric Vehicles Task Group Final Report

Background papers

There are no specific background papers for this report. All background information used during the task group's work is referenced in the final report.