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A meeting of **Overview & Scrutiny Committee** will be held Virtually on **Tuesday 17 November 2020 at 2.00 pm**

MEMBERS: Mr A Moss (Chairman), Mr K Hughes (Vice-Chairman), Mrs C Apel, Mrs T Bangert, Mr G Barrett, Mr M Bell, Mrs N Graves, Mr D Palmer, Mr C Page, Mr H Potter, Mrs S Sharp and Mr T Johnson (Co-optee)

SUPPLEMENT TO AGENDA

16 **Late Items** (Pages 1 - 2)

16 (b) Consideration of the following late items which the Chairman has agreed should be taken as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances:

Call In – Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

The Committee is requested to consider the call-in request, and determine whether to:

- a) Uphold the original Cabinet decision, or
- b) Refer the matter back to Cabinet, for further consideration, or
- c) Refer the matter to Council for consideration.

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Call in request received from Cllr Jonathan Brown

The following call-in request was received by Cllr Jonathan Brown on Tuesday 10 November 2020 in line with the council's call-in deadline of 10.00am on Wednesday 11 November 2020.

I would like to call in the Cabinet's 3rd November decision on Agenda Item 12 re: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (i.e. not to seek to join the WSCC EVCP scheme) as per the Constitution's Call-In procedure for the following reasons:

B) The matter has not been subject to proper consultation with relevant interested parties.

There was no communication with members when WSCC initially invited CDC to join in July 2019, nor when they announced plans on 20th August 2020. (Plans that included all Districts and Boroughs but Chichester.) Following member enquiries a report belatedly came to the Environment Panel on Friday 18th September but the 'wrong' recommendation was made. i.e. to seek to join ASAP. There was an opportunity for new information / a new report to come to the Environment Panel on Friday 23rd October but that opportunity for further consultation with the Environment Panel was missed. Instead, a whole new report was presented to Cabinet on Tuesday 3rd November which had not been seen or discussed by the Environment Panel.

C) Further delay in seeking to join the scheme could cause significant harm / cost us significant influence.

If we delay joining much more it will likely be impossible for CDC to do so as a 'Key Delivery Partner' with full voting rights on the Board. Beyond noting that CDC has previously received OLEV money to install 18 EVCPs on our land, the Cabinet report is silent on the possibility of being able to access the "up to £100,000 of funds [that can be] claimed per local authority from The Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) On-Street Residential Charging Scheme" (WSCC Award of Contract ref. OKD41).

D) The decision runs contrary to CDC's declaration of a climate emergency and undermines our ability to meet the objectives set out in the draft Climate Action Plan.

The Cabinet report notes fairly that there is not currently excess demand on our existing 18 EVCPs, but makes no mention of any alternative strategy for stimulating the market for electric vehicles. Indeed, it admits that "currently there are no plans by the Parking Services Team to introduce additional EVCPs across the District." It states that we could join in future as a 'Collaborating Organisation' (i.e. on the same terms as Parish Councils), concluding that there is little to be gained by taking swifter action, but sets out no alternative strategy for hastening the transition to low carbon transport. It fails to demonstrate leadership on this issue beyond celebrating what has already been achieved and undermines the leadership WSCC is displaying in setting a target that will require the installation of hundreds of EVCPs in the District by 2030. The decision demonstrates a real lack of urgency.

This call in is supported by:

*Cllr Sarah Sharp
Cllr Judy Fowler*

Cllr Kate O'Kelly
Cllr Kevin Hughes
Cllr John-Henry Bowden
Cllr Heather Barrie
Cllr Tracie Bangert

The request was accepted for inclusion as a late item on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agenda for 17 November 2020 by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee Cllr Adrian Moss on 11 November 2020. Members are referred to the following:

1. [Cabinet decision, report and appendices](#)
2. [Webcast meeting recording - from section 1:15:37](#)

At the meeting the Committee with reference to page 128 of the council's Constitution will have the following options:

31. If having considered the decision, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is still concerned about it, the committee may:

- a) refer it back to the decision-maker for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of the Committee's concerns
- b) refer the matter to Council setting out in writing the nature of the committee's concerns;
- c) decide that neither a) or b) above applies in which case the decision will be effective immediately thereafter and will not be subject to further call in.