

CABINET STATEMENT
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ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS

Through a Hampshire County Council led initiative Eastleigh Borough Council, along with Winchester City Council, has been chosen to pilot 50 new on-street Electric Vehicle charging points. The pilot scheme will be launched in March. The pilot involves two different types of on-street charging points: streetlighting columns will be used in Winchester and bollards plus a few street lighting columns in Eastleigh. The project has been funded by the Government Office to Zero Emission Vehicles with a £125,000 grant plus support from HCC and the Energy Saving Trust. There is a survey at www.hants.gov.uk/transport/ev-charging-points
The use charge will be 25p/KWh.

Information will be provided at the bollards and to the residents in the following roads that are included in the pilot project. Archers Road, Nutbeem Road, Factory Road, Chamberlayne Road, Cranbury Road, Desborough Road, High Street, Market Street, Newtown Road, Arnold Road and Doncaster Road. Installation will be by SSE commencing the 1st March. I am really pleased that Eastleigh has been chosen to be part of the exciting pilot project.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEMONSTRATIONS

The Council is undertaking a number of demonstration periods with electric vehicles so as to assess their suitability and the business case alongside the environmental benefits that they hopefully provide. I had the pleasure just before Christmas of joining a demonstration of a Dennis Eagle waste freighter in use on a round in Chandler's Ford. I was very impressed by the design and performance and I know the crews who worked with it are keen to see us buying them. At this stage we are evaluating their performance, comparing them to the present diesel powered Dennis Eagle vehicles that we have and the demonstration of a diesel conversion to electric freighter. In addition to waste freighters we have been looking at a Johnston e-sweeper and again we are analysing performance.

CONCESSIONARY BUS PASSES

The Monday to Friday time restriction on the use of the Concessionary Bus Pass has been temporarily suspended in order to assist people easily accessing vaccination centres. This means that there is no time restriction on use of the Pass within Hampshire and Southampton at the present time. There is no indication as to how long the suspension will last at the time of writing.