

**Electric Vehicle Charging Points in Wyre
Task Group - Scoping Document**

Review Topic	<p>To understand the current provisions for public electric vehicle charging within the borough.</p> <p>In particular, to review the usage data to ensure that targets within the Business Plan are being met.</p>
Chair	Tbc
Group Membership	tbc
Officer Support	Daphne Courtenage / Sammy Gray
Purpose of the Review	<p>The government published their Road to Zero strategy in 2018, which detailed their ambition to have no new conventional petrol or diesel cars sold by 2040, meeting at least 50% of this target by 2030. In 2021, they also set out the target for reducing emissions by 78% by 2035. Currently, the amount of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVs) in Wyre is 10,133 (1.21% of all vehicles in Wyre).</p> <p>In 2019, Wyre Council declared a climate emergency and have agreed with the government's target of 78% reduced emissions by 2035, as set out in the Business Plan.</p> <p>District Councils do not have a statutory function to provide electric vehicle charging points, but local authorities in general have already begun to show their role in raising awareness of climate matters and in expanding the chargepoint market. District Councils also have a moral authority to ensure that they provide a cleaner, greener and more sustainable environment for their residents and act as ambassadors against climate change.</p> <p>With this in mind, the review aims to understand the level of provision of electric vehicle charging points in the borough and their usage, to ensure that the council is meeting its corporate objectives as per the Business Plan and is on its way to meet its target of reducing emissions by 78% by 2035.</p>
Essential Criteria (at least one must be marked)	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A council priority (as set out in the Business Plan)</p>

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A matter of significant, demonstrable public concern, as raised through ward councillors, local media etc.
Role of Overview and Scrutiny in this Review (mark all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Holding Executive to account – Key Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holding Executive to account – performance based <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community champion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External partnership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contribution to policy development <input type="checkbox"/> Policy review <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory duties / compliance with codes of practice
Aims of Review / Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand what the council offers regarding electric vehicle charging points • Understand the council's involvement with external partners such as Lancashire County Council in charging point schemes • Understand the council's take up of government-funded schemes • Identify and recommend opportunities for improvement
What specific value can Scrutiny add to this work area?	<p>This review would add value to ensure that the council is meeting targets within the Business Plan 2019-2023.</p> <p>In promoting the use of public electric vehicle charging points, the council can continue to improve the number of ULEVs within the borough and contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions to meet 2035 targets. If the council is to meet these targets, its public commitments on climate action ought to be held to account and how ownership of tackling climate change is spread between its external partners.</p>
Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview key expert witnesses • Comparative research • Site visits • Consultations • Written submissions

Limits of Review	The review can be too broad and look at EVCs as a whole. It ought to focus either on the council's service delivery and/or its partnership work with Lancashire County Council.
Potential Expert Witnesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder • Corporate Director Environment • Head of Engineering • Lancashire County Council representative • LCC Cabinet member for Environment and Climate Change • Electricity North West representative
Documents to be considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wyre Council Business Plan • Draft Climate Change Strategy • Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy • Chargers in Wyre data
Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too broad • Data not available • Unrealistic recommendations
Level of Publicity	tbc
Indicators of a Successful Review	<p>A clear recommendation to Cabinet promoting a cleaner, greener and more sustainable environment for residents in the borough.</p> <p>In addition, the review will investigate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the service delivery of the Council and ensuring that it meets its performance targets as set out in the Business Plan • That the Council continues to work with external partners and submit bids for government grants • That the Council continues to promote more sustainable forms of travel within the borough
Approximate Timeframe	2-3 months

Projected Start Date	November 2023
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