

(5) **MEMBER QUESTIONS**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, a question has been submitted, and a response provided, as follows:-

From Councillor AR Brassington to Councillor C Hancock, Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Partnerships

"Cotswold DC has just 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCPs) in its car parks and, since their installation, there has been a massive increase in their use. I am aware that CDC is considering increasing the number but we should be bold and aim to install as many as possible in the right locations. Will CDC commit itself to the target of installing at least one EVCP in all its main car parks by the end of 2017, including at least one at the Trinity Road offices for staff to use. By main car parks I would suggest any with at least 40 car parking spaces."

Response from Councillor C Hancock

These Rapid Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCPs) cost around £80K each and we were fortunate to get Government funding for the two we previously installed. We are keen to install more where there is a sound basis for doing so, but not all sites are suitable due to the electrical and technical requirements, and we need to ensure that provision matches demand. If we provide a large number of spaces which are set aside for electric vehicles only, this will reduce the number of car parking spaces available to other motorists which could have a very negative impact, particularly in Cirencester. The Parking Demand Project Board has already identified that installation of EVCPs in any new parking developments would be advantageous and we will take every opportunity to secure further Government funding for EVCPs should it become available.'

Notes:

- (i) The above question was submitted by the deadline by which a response was guaranteed to be provided at least 24 hours in advance of the Meeting - and the response was duly sent to the Member concerned.
- (ii) If the questioner is present at the Meeting, he will be entitled to ask one supplementary question in respect of the original question. Any supplementary question must arise directly out of either the original question or the answer given thereto.
- (iii) An immediate answer cannot be guaranteed to any supplementary question, but the Cabinet Member will try and answer any supplementary question at the Meeting. However, if this is not possible, then the Cabinet Member will answer as much as possible at the Meeting and then provide a full response within five working days. If, for any reason, a full response cannot be provided within those five days, then a holding response will be sent to the questioner, along with the reason for delay and a likely timescale for the full response.

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