

(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

'The use of electric cars and hybrids is likely to increase faster than originally predicted due to the announcement by central government of the phasing out of fossil fuelled cars from 2040, and an announcement from major car manufacturers that they will do so earlier than this. Will the Council therefore reconsider its position on the installation of electric charging points in council car parks and offices and introduce them at all these sites as soon as practically possible?'

Response from Councillor Hancock

'We have two public electric charging points installed at the Beeches car park, Cirencester and the car park in Moreton-in-Marsh, and a single point at the Trinity Road offices. We are actively looking at how we expand this facility to provide a network across the Cotswolds. In particular, we are currently working in partnership with Members at WODC to look at opportunities and procurement options for installing additional EVCPs both in public sites such as Council car parks and at the Council offices across both Districts. We will be looking at options that are future-proofed and can be expanded as the demand for these increases in the coming years.'

Notes:

- (i) The question from Councillor Brassington was submitted by the deadline by which responses were 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(s) 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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