



Council name	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	CABINET MAY 2024
Subject	ON STREET RESIDENTIAL CHARGEPOINT SCHEME (ORCS) GRANT OFFER
Wards affected	All
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Summary/Purpose	To acknowledge the successful grant application and request the Council includes £383,200 in the Capital Programme and supports the match funding of up to £191,600.
Annexes	None
Recommendation(s)	That Cabinet resolves to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Note the successful grant application of £191,600;2. Recommend to Council to include £383,200 in the Capital Programme and that the Council supports match funding of up to £191,600
Corporate priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responding to the Climate Emergency• Supporting Communities
Key Decision	YES
Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	External EVCP delivery partner, Connected Kerb



1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The final phase of the government funded, On Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS), closed in March 2024.
- 1.2 The Council, supported by its Electric Vehicle Charging Point (EVCP) partner Connected Kerb, submitted a bid application in February 2024, for 33 dual charging points across 11 district car parks.
- 1.3 At the point of submission, there was no certainty that the bid would be successful.
- 1.4 On 22 March 2024, the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles, offered a maximum of £191,600 to the Council to fund 50% of the project.
- 1.5 Funding had to be accepted within ten days of the offer. This was done so after consultation with the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive and Deputy Leader & Cabinet member for Finance.
- 1.6 Cabinet recommends to Council that the scheme is included in the Capital Programme at £383,200, and that the Council approves matched funding of up to £191,600.
- 1.7 A second report to Cabinet in June 2024, will include a business case for each site and will make recommendations as to which sites would benefit from EVCP and determine the scope of the project including whether the full grant award is required.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The On Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme supports local authorities in the UK to deliver electric vehicle charging infrastructure for residents without off-street parking.
- 2.2 Funding is for up to 50% of eligible capital costs and grants are capped at £200,000. Total funding provided will not exceed £7,500 per chargepoint.
- 2.3 Chargepoints must be installed and operational by the 31 March 2025.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1 The Council could decide not to accept the ORCS funding offer; however, this is not advised as the funding can be repaid at any stage. By completing the detailed business case the Council will fully understand the position and how to proceed before deciding what to accept.

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 That Cabinet acknowledges the successful grant application of £191,600 and recommends to Council to include £383,200 in the Capital Programme and supports match funding of up to £191,600.



4.2 A Cabinet report in June 2024 will include a detailed business case for each site and will make recommendations as to which sites would benefit from EVCPs including whether the full grant award is required should the business case for each car park not demonstrate best value, give rise to an ongoing subsidy from the Council, or where there are other operational or delivery challenges.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial implications to be covered in the June 2024 Cabinet report, setting out the business case for each individual site.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legal implications to be covered in the June 2024 Cabinet report.

7. RISK ASSESSMENT

7.1 The Council has no risk in accepting the grant, as it can be repaid at any time if it chooses not to proceed with any part or the entire EVCP project.

7.2 This grant offer is the final round of ORCS funding, it is not expected that future EVCP schemes will attract such high grant levels.

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.1 Equalities impact to be address in the June 2024 Cabinet report.

9. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The rollout of EVCPs is part of the climate agenda and will:

- Decreases greenhouse gas emissions from transport
- Reduce air pollution and promote green sustainable transport

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 No background papers.

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