

**Decision under Delegated Powers
for additional costs for the Electric Vehicle Charge Points at Sileby and Anstey
Car Parks (ORCS project)**

Officers Requesting Decision

Maria French - Sustainability Development Officer
Karl Harrison – Car Parks and Civil Parking Enforcement Manager

Officer Making the Decision

Justin Henry - Director of Commercial and Economic Development

Decision

To approve additional costs associated with installation of Electric Vehicle Charge Points at Sileby and Anstey Car Parks with Electric Blue Ltd (now re-branded as Blink Charging UK Ltd).

Reasons

The scheme for Electric Vehicle Charge Points under the On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS), was initially started in 2021. It is nearly 2 years since the initial quotes for work and installation. In this time there has been a period of high inflation and increased costs. The supplier, Blink Charging UK Ltd, has identified additional costs since the original quote. As this is a “concessionary” procurement arrangement, the supplier Blink Charging UK Ltd have requested the additional costs are split 50/50 between Charnwood and themselves.

Authority for Decision

Under the Constitution, Directors and Heads of Service have delegated authority to incur expenditure within the Council’s approved capital/revenue budget in accordance with approved rules and procedures, and to negotiate and settle disputes without recourse to court proceedings.

Decision and Date

Approved on 08 November 2023



Justin Henry
Director of Commercial and Economic Development

Background

The On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) operated by the government Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) has agreed funding for Electric Vehicle Charge Points at King Street car park in Sileby and the Nook car park in Anstey. The purpose of the ORCS scheme is to increase the availability of on-street charging points within easy reach of residential streets where off-street parking is not available, thereby ensuring that on-street parking is not a barrier to realising the benefits of owning a plug-in electric vehicle.

Authorisation to progress the scheme is given in DD 007 2023. However, the supplier has identified extra costs due to the cost increases from initial quotes to the implementation of the scheme:

Aug 2021 Cost breakdown

Install	The Nook	King street	Total
Prelims	£300.00	£300.00	£600.00
Civils	£7,470	£8,423.05	£15,893.02
Electrical Materials	£1,988	£2,455.00	£4,443.00
Electrical Labour	£2,225	£2,225.00	£4,450.00
Bay Marking & Wheel Stops	£1,698	£3,373.12	£5,070.78
Sub total	£13,681	£16,776.17	£30,456.80

Sept 2023 cost breakdown

Install	The Nook	King street	Total
Prelims	£955.00	£955.00	£1,909.12
Civils	£12,673	£11,638	£24,310.85
Bay Marking and Safety bollards	£3,232	£3,019	£6,250.84
Feeder Pillar	£1,414	£1,414	£2,828.09
Electrical install	£499.00	£374.00	£873.38
Cabling	£2,892	£3,392	£6,283.74
Switchgear	£0	£1,801	£1,801.15
Other electrical (shutdown, RAMS, commissioning and testing)	£665.00	£499.00	£1,164.51
Project management	£1,148	£915	£2,062.82
Additional electrical materials (Dist. Board, Isolator, main switch, SPD, electrical sundries)	£2,356	£1,375	£3,731.24
Sub total	£25,834.09	£25,381.65	£51,215.74

Blink Charging UK Ltd have given this statement regarding the additional costs:

“The table above shares a breakdown of costs from the original tender price to the new price which we have seen come in due to the time it has taken to begin. The Tender was originally won in 2021 and since then, we have seen a significant price increase across all aspects of the supply chain and business.

Due to the current RPI increase since 2021 and the general increase on materials, stock, labour, shipping, and energy, we're having to increase the overall cost of installation. The contractor who originally costed the project, were not able to hold the original price for that long, so we had to get them to re-quote the works which has seen the above increase.

Hardware – Price has remained the same from the original costs.

Installation – This has increased due to the explanation in the reasoning above.

We have compared the prices from the original tender date to the most recent one and have seen a massive increase in overall percentages on the civils side which is below.”

Financial Implications

The additional cost amounts to £20,759 which Blink Charging UK Ltd propose is shared between Charnwood Borough Council and Blink Charging UK Ltd as the contractor running the scheme. i.e. £10,379 each

The Office Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) has already agreed the ORCS funding of £58,841 based on the initial quotes submitted in 2021. OLEV were approached about the possibility of increasing the funding support due to the cost increases. However, OLEV were unable to support this increased funding request.

A breakdown of the finances is detailed in the table below:

Item	% applied	to cost	Total split
OZEV Original	75% of agreed original before additional costs	75%	£ 58,841
CBC original Contribution	10%	£78,454	£ 7,845
EB original contribution	15%	£78,454	£ 11,768
Original Sub total			£ 78,454
CBC additional agreed costs	50%	£20,759	50% £ 10,379
EB additional agreed costs	50%	£20,759	50% £ 10,379
Additional sub-total			£ 20,759
Total inc additional costs			£ 99,213

DD 168 2020 identifies the initial funding from CBC:

“There is sufficient funding available through the remaining Carbon Management Plan Capital or Carbon Neutral Action Fund capital to support this project.”

The Climate Action Group has agreed that the additional costs can also be funded from the same capital pot: Carbon Neutral Action Fund – Z796. (Minutes Oct 2023)

There are no further delays or additional costs anticipated for the implementation phase of this project. There are no on-going revenue costs associated with the contract and lease.

Risk Management

There are no significant risks identified. Any financial risk is negligible.

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
Further capital costs as a result of delays in the programme	L	M	All equipment has now been installed and set up. The project is ready for “go-live”. No further costs are expected.
Charnwood do not support extra costs resulting in legal negotiations and termination of agreement	L	M	Appropriate justifications and reasonings have been presented to the project to allow for this variation to the original contract price.

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: None