

Item 10 - Net Zero 2030 Update - Low Emission and Electric Vehicle Strategy

The attached report was considered by the Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee on 29 June 2021. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee (29 June 2021, Minute 8)

The Principal Planning Officer (Policy) presented a report which outlined the Low Emission and Electric Vehicle Strategy (LEEVS) as part of the Council's commitment to be Net Zero by 2030. Transport remained the largest carbon emitting sector in the UK and Sevenoaks District had the highest level of registered electric vehicle ownership in Kent. The Strategy would aim to help the Council promote low carbon travel, improve the electric vehicle charging network across the district and continue the transition to a zero-carbon emissions vehicle fleet wherever possible.

Members asked questions of clarification. It was clarified that there were currently charging points at 12 locations across the District as shown on the map within the report. Use of hydrogen technologies had also been considered as well as electric vehicles. Members were advised that the length of time it took to charge the vehicles depended on the type of charging point and vehicle as they varied, however, those with off street parking could also charge at home. Currently, the charging points in the Council's car parks were free to use.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impact under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that the Low Emission and Electric Vehicle Strategy, be agreed.