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Councillor Whomersley

Via email: Benjamin.Whomersley@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Councillor Whomersley

Council Meeting – Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Thank you for submitting a question to the Council Meeting on Wednesday 2nd March. I have detailed the question below along with my subsequent response for your information.

Recently it has been reported more than half of all UK Councils have no Electric Vehicle Charging Transition Strategy planned?

My question is does RMBC have an Electric Vehicle Transition Charging Strategy?

We don't, but officers are already working on an Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy to help the public transition to using electric vehicles which we expect to be out for consultation in the summer. The charging strategy is a development of one of the key themes in the Rotherham Transport Strategy.

However, that hasn't stopped us from getting on with the necessary work. You will be pleased to know Rotherham has a greater than national average number of publicly available EV charging points (per head of population). Some are provided by the Council (30 at present) and many others provided by the private sector as a condition of planning permission. In addition, all new dwellings with onsite parking are being provided with EV charging facilities by planning condition. We have secured funding through the Combined Authority for a further roll out of public chargers, which we are match funding in our budget proposals today.

In turn, the MCA is working with bus operators to secure government funding for a first fleet of electric buses in South Yorkshire, as well as converting the community transport fleet to EVs.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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