

**ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE****Item under consideration: *Low Emissions Transport Strategy and Electric Vehicle Strategy*****Date Considered: 06 September 2018****Key points raised during the discussion:**

- The Local Transport Programmes Manager gave details of a number of schemes that were taking place, this included £56m which had been allocated for major schemes including sustainable travel improvements.
- It was agreed to support the inclusion of an additional performance indicator within the Local Emissions Transport Strategy, which measured travel behaviour as indicated within the public consultation summary. Officers also agreed to consider the inclusion of electric bikes in the Electric Vehicle Strategy.
- Members were in support of both strategies and agreed both were clear in aims and objectives.
- Concerns were raised around air travel and the implications of the expansion at London Heathrow on emissions in Surrey. Officers stated that as a partner within the Heathrow Strategic Planning Group, the impacts of growth would be sufficiently mitigated and work would be undertaken with district and boroughs to ensure air quality is not adversely impacted by the expansion.
- With regards to using lamp columns as charging points, it was stated that in Surrey, lamp columns had been moved to the back of the footway which meant potential health and safety issues with trailing charging cables across the footway. This technique was currently being trialled by Oxford, Portsmouth and the London borough of Hounslow and would be reviewed carefully.

**The Committee recommended:**

- I. For the inclusion of a specific indicator in the low emissions transport strategy which measures travel behaviour.
- II. For both air quality and carbon emissions data and indicators within the Low Emissions Transport Strategy to be developed and reported back to the Committee in the next 12 month as part of ongoing performance monitoring.
- III. The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport to lobby the DfT for funding (where appropriate) to support the objectives of the Electric Vehicle Strategy and Low Emissions Transport Strategy.
- IV. The Low Emissions Transport Strategy and Electric Vehicle Strategy to be shared with partners including the County Councils approved transport providers after Cabinet approval.
- V. For SCC fleet vehicles to be reviewed and replaced with low emission vehicles, electric vehicles and charging infrastructure as appropriate.

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Chairman of the Environment Select Committee

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