

Hello all,

London Councils sent a letter to your borough in August 2017 (template copy attached) proposing amendments to the London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee Agreement (LC TEC Agreement) that would allow LC TEC to widen the scope of its current ability to work in the area of electric vehicle charging infrastructure by enabling it to support the Go Ultra Low City Scheme (GULCS).

We have since had a number of queries in relation to this proposal and this note aims to deal with those.

One of the key issues consistently raised with officers working on the GULCS is the lack of funding as well as capacity within the boroughs to install and run electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The original London bid to OLEV therefore proposed a London-wide delivery partnership that would oversee those aspects for the whole of London and therefore reduce the burdens on boroughs. Grant was awarded to TfL in February 2016 (the Grant”).

LC TEC has previously supported that this role could usefully sit within its remit and the GULCS partnership is keen to keep this option open. For LC TEC to be able to do this, however, the LC TEC Agreement needs to be amended.

The reason the Agreement needs to be amended is because none of the local authorities' functions relating to electric vehicle charging points are currently delegated as functions of LC TEC and the Committee therefore does not currently have the legal authority to undertake this function on behalf of the London local authorities.

The proposed delegation is highly restricted. The Grant must be used for any LC TEC activities, and no costs may be charged to the London local authorities unless they first agree. The delegation to LC TEC is also limited to locations for electric vehicle charging points which have been first agreed by the affected authority. Therefore the delegation is not a wholesale transfer of the authorities' powers in respect of electric vehicle charging to LC TEC but allows for LC TEC to take on a more limited collaborative role in relation to Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure. There was no provision for this included when the LC TEC Agreement was first established.

Signing the amendment to the LC TEC Agreement does not oblige any borough to take part, nor does it mean any loss of control of your assets. Every authority which wishes to participate can be assured that no electric vehicle charge points will be installed unless they have first agreed the location in their areas.

Without all authorities signing the variation to the TEC Agreement LC TEC would be unable to take on this new role, if that were to be agreed as the best option.

Please note that we have also sent this clarification to the Chief Executives, Councillors and Directors, as we did the original letter in August.

I hope that this provides more clarity on some of the issues raised and enables you to sign the amendment. If you have any questions about this proposal, please contact my colleague Owain Mortimer on [Owain.Mortimer@londoncouncils.gov.uk](mailto:Owain.Mortimer@londoncouncils.gov.uk) or 020 7934 9832. To enable us to track progress, I would also be grateful if you could confirm receipt and provide contact details for the officer who will be leading on this matter for you.

Kind regards,

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