

Amended Motions – Labour Group

The Council notes the resolutions and recommendations set out in the Budget papers before Council this evening.

The Council agrees these recommendations, subject to the following amendments:

1. The installation of 100, 50-kilowatt electric vehicle charging stations for residents, businesses and visitors to Trafford.

The Government has announced that the sale of new petrol & diesel driven vehicles, as well as hybrid vehicles, will be banned from 2035, possibly 2032. Research shows that the greatest barrier to people switching to all electric vehicles is the fear of running out of battery power and being stranded. A typical electric car takes 8 hours to charge from 7-kw home charging points.

For many electric cars, drivers can add up to 100 miles of range in half an hour from 50-kilowatt rapid charger. Trafford will need to host at least 5,000 rapid charge points to begin to meet our share of the national demand, some of which will be satisfied by off-road, private provision. This amendment will make a large contribution to reducing the number of fossil fuel vehicles in Trafford and our carbon footprint.

The revenue impact of this amendment can be contained with the existing budget. There would, however, be a revenue income from customers of the chargers. The unit costs of rapid chargers vary between £2,000 and £5,000 which would be offset by grants from the Government. The cost allocated to this would be up to £500,000 of capital expenditure, with associated revenue spend implications to satisfy repayment of the capital outlay.

2. Introduce CCTV in areas prone to fly-tipping.

Last year, more than one million incidences of fly-tipping were dealt with by councils in England. The estimated cost of clearing up this waste was more than £60 million. Uncontrolled illegal waste disposal can be hazardous to the public, especially if it contains toxic material or asbestos. There could be a risk of damage to watercourses and soil quality from the dumped waste.

Catching and successfully prosecuting fly-tippers is difficult but CCTV evidence forms

an important part of the legal process. Installing CCTV in area prone to illegal tipping will act as a deterrent, improve the street scene and improve public safety.

The impact on the revenue budget for installing and managing 14 cameras is £12,600. The capital cost is £160,000.