



SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL

## Officer Delegated Decision

15 May 2025

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive  
and s151 Officer

# Authorise the use of the Climate Change Reserve to support the installation of EV charge points in the Stamford Cattlemarket Car Park.

This Officer Delegated Decision (ODD) report seeks approval to utilise the Climate Change Reserve to fund the installation, commissioning and maintenance of electric vehicle charge points (EVCPs) in the Stamford Cattlemarket Car Park extension.

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<b>Decision made by:</b>	Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer
<b>Decision:</b>	To approve the use of the Climate Reserve to purchase EV charge points for Stamford Cattlemarket
<b>Public or Exempt:</b>	Public
<b>Reasons for exemption:</b>	N/A
<b>Conflicts of interest:</b>	No
<b>Policy compliant:</b>	Yes
<b>Details of delegation:</b>	The Council's Financial Regulations allow the Deputy Chief Executive to approve spend incurred by the Council within the limits set out in the Financial Regulations (Constitution).

## 1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

### ***Finance***

- 1.1 The funding of this proposal will be met from the Climate Change Reserve. The location has been identified as a high usage location. The procurement of charging points will further supply an income to the Council.

Completed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer

### ***Legal and Governance***

- 1.2 The Council has run a compliant procurement exercise and there are no other legal implications identified.

Completed by: James Welbourn, Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer.

### ***Procurement***

- 1.3 A contract of this value would normally require 3 quotes under the councils' Contract Procedure Rules, however due to the tight timescales around getting the units installed and requirement for consistency, it is recommended to direct award on this occasion for a 1-year term only.

There is a plan in place to tender for all EV charge points for all of South Kesteven as part of a larger project to get all units and new installations under one contract. Whilst use of the ESPO framework was originally explored, Swarco were unable to quote in line with the framework pricing so would be non-complaint use of the framework.

Completed by: Helen Baldwin (Procurement Lead)

## 2. The Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 With the growth in the ownership and use of electric vehicles (EV) increasing and encouragement to be more environmentally friendly, South Kesteven

District Council is looking to provide charging facilities for both residents and visitors to support the greater uptake of EV.

- 2.2 The Council previously installed 12 EV charge points (comprising 6 EV chargers with 2 charging points) within its managed car parks in each of the four market towns of the district. In recognition of the importance of decarbonising the transport network, the Council continues to monitor uptake and future opportunities to expand on its EV provision.
- 2.3 To complement an expansion of the Stamford Cattle Market Car Park, 8 bays have been allocated to the provision of EV infrastructure. The Council would like to install four 22kW double charge points. In line with the Public Charge Point Regulations 2023, contactless payment will be available to users.
- 2.4 This report seeks approval to utilise the Climate Change Reserve to fully-fund the charge points in the Cattlemarket Car Park.
- 2.5 The chargers will be provided by Swarco Smart Charging Ltd on the basis that this would be for a one-year period in line with offering a consistent offer to users as provided by the Council's existing charge points. The whole cost of the chargers and ancillaries to facilitate installation is quoted at £42,687.33 (exl. VAT). It is proposed that the Climate Change Reserve is used to fund the installation.
- 2.6 The indicative figure covers the delivery, installation & commissioning of four 22kW Evolve posts with contactless, each offering convenient AC charging for two vehicles. Aligning with the provided specification, one of year of maintenance with a 24 hour 5 day SLA, one year of sim card & back office management is also included. The Council will retain full ownership of the charging points and will receive a monthly income. The Council's existing charge points, located in North Street Car Park, consistently show the highest utilisation rates of all South Kesteven District Council's chargers.

### **3. Available Options Considered**

- 3.1 South Kesteven District Council could elect not to use the Climate Change Reserve, despite there being limited alternative sources of funding for the additional chargers and seek to use an alternative budget for the proposal.
- 3.2 South Kesteven District Council could decide not to install new electric vehicle charging points or associated infrastructure and look to install this at a future date. This would not provide a facility for existing EV users or encourage others to transition to EVs.

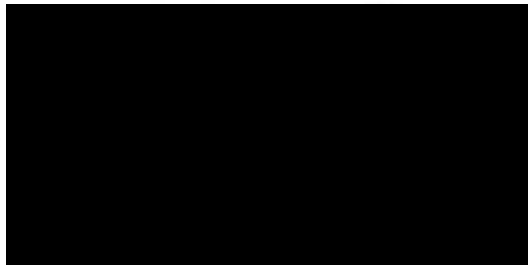
### **4. Preferred Option**

4.1 To approve the use of the Climate Change Reserve to allow the Climate Change and Sustainability team to fund a further 4 double chargers in the Stamford Cattlemarket Car Park extension.

**5. Reasons for the Decision(s)**

5.1 To use the most appropriate financial resource(s) to deliver on the Council's objectives to improve the provision of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in South Kesteven.

Signed by:



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