

SPECIAL URGENCY DECISION

Leader of Council:

Name: Councillor Alyson Barnes
Date agreed: 12/01/2024

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny:

Name: Councillor Samara Barnes
Date agreed: 11/01/2024

Decision Taker:

Chief Executive

Details of Decision and Reasoning:

Decision to:

- Accept the £171,605 grant for the Rosendale off-street residential charge point scheme.

The decision request falls outside of the forward plan timescales and there is not a Cabinet meeting within the required timescales to approve the decision.

In September 2023, Rosendale Borough Council was advised that it could be allocated £171, 605 from On-Street Residential Charge Point Scheme (ORCS) fund to provide for off-street charging units in council owned car parks.

A funding application was submitted by Connected Kerb Ltd in relation to our bid for the government's ORCS fund. In order to meet the application deadline, officers had to submit the application prior to formal Council approval.

The Council has just been advised that the application has been successful but officers now require an urgent decision to accept the offer of funding by 15th January 2024 as the grant value is above officer approval threshold.

In summary, the funding aim is:

1. To increase Electrical Vehicle (EV) charging points in council owned car parks and provide slower EV charging in 24/7 accessible car parks to support overnight charging.

The project fund needs to be spent by June 2024.

The project will be completed by the Council's partner Connected Kerb Ltd at no financial cost to the Council. Connected Kerb will lease council car park spaces to host the EV charging points.

Decision to be taken by:

Chief Executive

Documents to be considered by the decision taker:

Grant Offer Letter

Implications:

Legal – In order to meet the deadline for grant acceptance on 15th January 2024 it is imperative that the offer letter be signed prior to the next meeting of Cabinet or Council. Failure to do so will result in the loss of the grant funding. The SLA between the Council and Connected Kerb is agreed via a direct award under a framework agreement.

Finance – The acceptance of grant falls outside the authority level of the s151 Officer. There is no capital contribution to be provided by the Council as the cost of the scheme is met by the grant funding and Connected Kerb in equal measures. Ongoing costs are met from the operating profit share and will be at nil cost to the Council. A small income may be received once all costs have been deducted.

Status:

Open- for publication

Date:

12th January 2024

NOTES

A Key Decision is defined as one that either:

- a) is, in value worth more than £100,000, or
 - b) has a **significant impact** because (for example) it either:
 - (i) affects individuals or organisations outside the Borough; or
 - (ii) will have a long term (more than 5 years) or permanent effect on the council or the borough.
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 2. Implications – List any financial staffing and legal implications and remember to consult with legal, human resources and finance. Also consider implications such as LA21 Environment, Human Rights Act 1998. Equal opportunities, Community Safety, IT, Land and Property and Partnership Working.
 3. When the decision has been made and the form signed by the decision taker and the portfolio holder the form should be sent to the Committee Services Manager.