

## REPORT

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: ELECTRIC VEHICLES SWITCHED ON FLEETS GRANT FUNDING 2016
From: HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSETS		
Date: 31 JANUARY 2017	Ref: KF/GJ/JS	

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Committee that Switched on Fleets (electric vehicle) grant funding has been received by the North Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP), and to seek approval for the sharing of the grant with Transport Scotland approved organisations within the North Lanarkshire area. Further that committee note the action taken by the Head of Environmental Assets, following consultation with the Convener to commence the procurement activity.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Switched on Fleets grant funding has been made available to encourage progress towards towns, cities and communities in Scotland being freed from effects of petrol and diesel fuelled vehicles.
- 2.2 Following engagement with COSLA, Transport Scotland agreed that the fairest way to distribute the grant funding was by population band. The total funding available for North Lanarkshire for this year is £69,389 and is to be spent on ultra-low emission vehicles in the year 2016/17.
- 2.3 Under the terms of the grant, the council is the lead partner within the North Lanarkshire CPP and is responsible for reporting to Transport Scotland that the funding has been spent in accordance with the guidelines of the scheme.

**3. Distribution of grant funding**

- 3.1 NHS Lanarkshire and Strathclyde University's Power Network Display Centre (PNDC) in Cumbernauld have expressed an interest in accessing a share of the £69,389 grant.
- 3.2 Following consultation between the council's Fleet Operations and Transport Scotland, Transport Scotland has confirmed that the council has authority to share the grant funding as follows:
- NHS Lanarkshire £12,000
  - Strathclyde University PNDC £10,000
  - North Lanarkshire Council £47,389
- 3.3 NHS Lanarkshire and Strathclyde University's PNDC in Cumbernauld will each be responsible for their own procurement activity.
- 3.4 Following Consultation with the Convener, the council will procure four electric cars for a period of three years. The cars will be utilised by the council as part of the council's pool car fleet.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The council's Fleet Operations procurement activity will be fully funded using the council's £47,389 share of the £69,389 government grant.
- 4.2 The electric cars will provide a low cost, low emission, addition to the council's pool car fleet. In line with the existing pool car scheme, the energy costs required to operate the electric vehicles will be recorded through the pence per mile charges made to pool car users.

#### **5. Recommendation**

- 5.1 It is recommended that Committee approve the distribution of the Switched on Fleets grant as outlined in section 3.2.
- 5.1 Note the action taken by the Head of Environmental Assets, following consultation with the Convener to commence the procurement activity.



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