

Chairs and Clerks of all parish and town councils in Somerset West and Taunton District

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> August 19

Dear Sir/Madam,

## **Electric Vehicle Community Charge Point Fund – Call for Applications from Parish and Town Councils**

Somerset West and Taunton Council is committed to tackling climate change and has set a target to achieve a carbon neutral district by 2030. We want to work with parish and town councils, partners and communities to achieve what is undoubtedly a massive challenge for our district and indeed the whole planet.

Transport is a major contributor to climate change, accounting for nearly 40% of our annual national greenhouse gas emissions. As part of our emerging climate change strategy, we are planning a whole range of measures to address the challenge. Encouraging the use of electric vehicles is an important part of our strategy.

As an initial step, the Council has set aside a one-off budget of £20k to support the installation of electric vehicle charging points in communities throughout the district. This fund will be available to parish and town councils to apply for grants of **between £500 and £1500**. Further details on how to apply are provided below.

Applications must be submitted to the Council's governance team [governance@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk](mailto:governance@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk) by no later than 1 November 2019 and include the following information:

- Name of parish/town council (or grouping of parishes if submitting a consortium application)
- Summary description of the project
- Location of proposed charging point(s) and land ownership details, including map. *NB - Charge points must be publicly accessible.*
- Key benefits, intended outcomes and beneficiaries (quantified as far as possible)
- Total anticipated cost of the project. Please provide details/evidence

- Local and match funding contributions secured and/or awaited. Please provide evidence. *NB Match funding is not a requirement but will be helpful for SWT to assess deliverability of applications.*
- Description of ownership and long term management arrangements for the proposed charge point(s). *NB Somerset West and Taunton Council will not accept ownership or ongoing maintenance responsibility.*
- Details of the proposed timetable for installation of charging point(s), including start and end date, in the event that your application is successful.
- Named contact email and telephone number.

Applications must be submitted on the attached form. Supplementary information may be provided.

Single 'consortium' applications from clusters of parish and town councils will be welcome. No single application will attract more than the maximum £1500 grant.

Parish and town councils are encouraged to work with community groups in preparing any applications.

Decisions on all applications to the fund will be made as soon as possible after two key dates: those applications received by **16 September 2019** and those received by **1 November 2019**.

Further applications may be sought in future, depending on the number of successful awards made.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the following Engagement Lead Officers covering your area (refer to map in attached leaflet):

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**Quantock Hills, Wellington and West Deane: Helen Phillips -**

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**Taunton, Blackdown Hills and East Deane: Claire Thackray -**

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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Somerset West and Taunton Council