

# EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION



<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Executive Member for Growth and Development Executive member for Environment
<b>LEAD OFFICERS:</b>	Director of Growth and Development Director of Environment and Operations
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>

<b>PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:</b>	Growth and Development	Environment
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	Blackburn Central Darwen East Darwen West	

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Borough Off-Street Electric Charging Places Order

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To inform the Executive Member for Regeneration and Executive Member for Environment of the proposal to include all off-street electric charging point bays in to a new Traffic Regulation Order.

### Electric Vehicle Only Parking Space – Maximum stay 4 hours

Brown Street Blackburn Car Park  
Darwen Market Rooftop Car Park  
Eanam Old Road Blackburn Car Park  
Feilden Street Blackburn Multi Story Car Park  
Varley Street Blackburn Car Park  
Weir Street Blackburn Car Park

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member:  
Authorise the Director of HR, Legal and Governance to advertise the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders as per the attached schedule.  
Authorise the Director of HR, Legal and Governance to then make the Traffic Regulation Order should no objections be made.

Note that any unresolved objections will be reported to a meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee for comments and recommendation although the decision is an executive function .

## 3. BACKGROUND

To meet and facilitate the growth of plug-in vehicles, electric vehicle (EV) charging points have been introduced within council owned pay and display car parks. To make the charge points accessible and functional, changes to parking restrictions are required. In the context of EVs, a traffic regulation order can be used to restrict access for petrol or diesel vehicles to charging bays and limit the length of stay of an EV.

It is proposed to create a new Borough-wide off street electric charging point bay order, which will allow Civil Enforcement Officers to undertake enforcement for the misuse of electric vehicle only parking bays. The proposed order will introduce time limited parking of four hours in the designated bays for EVs while charging. This will allow the authority to regulate their use whilst allowing sufficient time for recharging and encouraging customer turn-over.

Vehicles must be plugged in and charging while parked in the bay. Vehicles using the EV charging points are not required to pay the Council's car parking charges. Parking spaces are marked and signed for the sole use of electric vehicles.

#### **4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS**

No risks arising from this proposal have been identified. The proposal is of benefit to the social and economic well being of the Borough.

#### **5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The proposal to make and revoke Traffic Regulation Orders requires delegated approval from the Executive Member for Regeneration and Chief Officer. Traffic Regulation Orders are required to be published in the local press and on site to comply with the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984. Directly affected properties are consulted in line with current procedure.

#### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of making and advertising this Traffic Regulation Order will be approximately £2000 and will be funded from the Local Transport Plan budget.

#### **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The necessary legal powers to implement this scheme are within the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984. The advertising of the proposals will provide the public the opportunity to comment/object which will be considered appropriately by officers and if any objections cannot be agreed then they will be brought back for a decision by the Executive Member.

#### **8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

**Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.**

Option 1  Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2  In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA link here)*

Option 3  In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA attachment)*

#### **10. CONSULTATIONS**

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to object to or comment on the proposal following publication on the council's website.

#### **11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

#### **12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded and published if applicable.

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<b>DATE:</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2020
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<b>BACKGROUND PAPER:</b>	Appendix 1 Schedule Appendix 2 Plans
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