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**Title: Low Carbon Vehicle Procurement Support Scheme**

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## **1.0 SUMMARY**

1.1 The Scottish Government launched the Low Carbon Vehicle Procurement Support scheme (LCVPS) in June 2010 as a means of encouraging the development and use of low carbon vehicle technology to help meet targets set out in the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009. Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership has made two successful grant applications during this time which have assisted in the purchase of a number of hybrid vehicles and the associated charging infrastructure. The purpose of this report is to inform CCP members of our participation in the scheme.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that, if the Scottish Government decide to extend the scheme for another year, Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership should continue to support any grant applications and encourage members to explore further opportunities for introducing low carbon vehicles to their fleets.

## **3.0 BACKGROUND**

### **Scheme Participation 2010/11**

3.1 The Low Carbon Vehicle Procurement Support Scheme, since renamed the Electric Vehicle and Plugged in Places Charging Infrastructure Scheme, provides public bodies with an opportunity to introduce and evaluate low carbon vehicles in a wide range of operating environments and to provide feedback to the Scottish Government on their use and suitability.

3.2 As part of this promotion Transport Scotland offered Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership a grant of up to £85,000 to provide subsidy for the purchase of Low Carbon Vehicles and their associated charging/refuelling infrastructure during the financial year 2010-11. The grant was designed to be used to bridge the gap between the costs of an internal combustion engine vehicle and a low carbon alternative.

3.3 The grant funding was available to all member organisations of the Community Planning Partnership, and all were invited to

submit proposals for use of the funding. No funding re

## **Scheme Participation 2011/12**

- 3.9 In 2011/12 the grant scheme shifted its focus from Low Carbon Vehicles in general to Electric Vehicles and their associated charging infrastructure.
- 3.10 Discussions took place with Streetscene managers in Development and Infrastructure Services who were very enthusiastic about introducing a small number of electric utility trucks to replace some of their grounds maintenance vehicles which are approaching the end of their life. These vehicles are predominantly used in and around towns which is ideally suited to electric vehicles.
- 3.11 With the Streetscene requirements in mind further grant applications were made to Transport Scotland and successful awards of £36,000 and £24,000 were allocated towards the

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3.16 The costs for supply and installation of these charging outlets are shown below:-

**Infrastructure Costs – Financial Year 2011/12**

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