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Thank you for your request received on 18 August 2020, for the following information:

I would like you to provide responses to the following questions:

- 1. What is your current budget for purchasing public EV charging points per annum?**
- 2. What is your current budget for maintaining public EV charging points per annum?**
- 3. What is the cost associated with buying a single public EV charging point? Please include the total, including any OLEV funding.**
- 4. What is the cost associated with maintaining a single public EV charging point per annum? Please include the total, including any OLEV funding.**
- 5. How much government funding for public EV charging points have you received over the last 12 months? Please write '0' if none.**
- 6. What percentage of your annual budget for public EV charging points is funded by the government?**
- 7. How many new public EV charging points do you expect to see installed in your authority between now and end of year 2021? If you don't have a specific number planned, please respond with "no specific number planned"**
- 8. Do you have a plan in place for the installation of more public EV charging points through to 2025? If not, over what period of time do you have a roadmap for? If you don't have a roadmap, please respond with 'we don't have any specific plan in place'.**
- 9. Are you making specific plans for the installation of rapid public EV charging points by 2025? If so, what percentage of new public charging points will be rapid? In this case, 'rapid' means 43Kw or more.**
- 10. Will COVID-19 related spending reduce your budget available for EV charging points in the next 12 months?**

To supply this information please can you complete the table in the attached Excel spreadsheet (which contains further information/clarifications) and send it back in Excel Workbook (.xlsx) format.

I appreciate the time that it takes to complete these requests so, if it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be happy to clarify what I am asking for, my details are outlined below.

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below:

I would like you to provide responses to the following questions: 1. What is your current budget for purchasing public EV charging points per annum?

As the budget for EV installation is largely dependent on grant funding from national or regional government, the budget fluctuates year on year. We will continue to scan the horizon for grant funding where necessary, enabling us to provide best value for money for our residents, and upgrade the sustainable infrastructure of the borough. Since the start of the programme, in 2018, we have received approx. £744,000 of funding through the Go Ultra Low City Scheme (GULCS); some of which we have provided match funding for.

2. What is your current budget for maintaining public EV charging points per annum?

We do not have a specific budget for the maintenance of charge points as, in many cases, this is either included in the purchase of the units, in the form of a warranty. For those charge points for which this is not a case, maintenance costs are a total £4,400/annum, however this is offset by the income generated from the users so these chargers tend to be self-funding.

3. What is the cost associated with buying a single public EV charging point? Please include the total, including any OLEV funding.

The cost ranges depending on the type of charge point (lamp column or freestanding) and the location of the charge point in relation to power sources. Lamp column charge points cost approx. £3,500 each, while freestanding charge points cost approx. £10,000-15,000. Of this we will receive approx 75% funding from GULCS/OLEV

4. What is the cost associated with maintaining a single public EV charging point per annum? Please include the total, including any OLEV funding.

It is difficult to provide a detailed budget for the maintenance of EV charge points, as in many cases this is either included in the purchase price, in the form of a warranty. For those charge points for which this is not the case, maintenance costs are a total of £200/charge point/annum, but as above this is offset from the income received.

5. How much government funding for public EV charging points have you received over the last 12 months? Please write '0' if none.

We have received £144,000 of GULCS funding over the past 12 months.

6. What percentage of your annual budget for public EV charging points is funded by the government?

Approx. 75% is funded by GULCS.

7. How many new public EV charging points do you expect to see installed in your authority between now and end of year 2021? If you don't have a specific number planned, please respond with "no specific number planned"

Any future installations depend on our ability to secure further grant funding. However, we anticipate being able to install at least: 6 lamp column charge points, 12 freestanding charge points in the form of community hubs in our car parks, and between 1 and 4 rapid charge points.

8. Do you have a plan in place for the installation of more public EV charging points through to 2025? If not, over what period of time do you have a roadmap for? If you don't have a roadmap, please respond with 'we don't have any specific plan in place'.

We do not have a roadmap in place. Much of our funding comes from central and regional government grants, and so it would not be possible to plan this far in advance. Similarly, due to speed at which technology is evolving and improving, it would be inappropriate to tie ourselves into a long term plan for installations. We will continue to monitor funding sources and technological innovations to ensure value for money for our residents and safeguard the sustainability of the borough. We are also looking to develop a future strategy (this year) through consultation with our Councillors, who will give direction on what we should include in such a strategy.

9. Are you making specific plans for the installation of rapid public EV charging points by 2025? If so, what percentage of new public charging points will be rapid? In this case, 'rapid' means 43Kw or more.

We are continuing to evaluate the needs of the market, this will inevitably include the installation of rapid charge points. We will be placing our first rapid charge point in the borough this financial year and we are currently looking at 3 further suitable locations for a rapid charge point to be installed, and will continue to evaluate usage and need throughout the coming years. As is explained above, the installation of charge points until 2025 will be dependent on the availability of funding and speed of technological innovation; however, we remain committed to facilitating the shift to a low carbon economy, this involves supporting private electric vehicles and electric taxis through the installation of rapid charge points.

10. Will COVID-19 related spending reduce your budget available for EV charging points in the next 12 months?

COVID-19 will inevitably impact the boroughs spending, and we will continue to measure spending and usage to deliver value for money for our residents. We are hopeful that as London and the country recovers from lockdown, further funding will be made available in order to facilitate a green recovery. However, we have already secured £144,000 of GULCS funding for this financial year and remain committed to fulfilling our obligations as laid out in the terms of the funding.

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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