

Harborough District Council
Report to Full Council
Meeting of 27 February 2023



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Title:	Addendum to 2023/24 Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy (2024/25 to 2027/28) - Receipt of additional grant funding: Flex D Project
Status:	Public
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Appendices:	

1. Background

- 1.1 In June 2022, the council submitted a bid to the national Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Pilot (LEVI) programme for funding to support the delivery of the Flex D project.
- 1.2 The original bid was not successful, however following discussions with the LEVI grant team, the council was notified on the 20 February 2023 that it has been successful for the second round of funding.

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2. Details

- 2.1 The council will receive £1.141m from Flex D as part of the current LEVI allocation, along with an equal match-funding allocation from the Leicestershire Business Rates Pool (LRBP) which gives a total project cost of £2.3m.
- 2.2 The Flex D project was designed to deliver innovative and collaborative approaches to increasing the charging infrastructure in Leicestershire. The council has led on behalf of all seven District and Borough Councils across Leicestershire and Leicestershire County Council have been supportive of the development of Flex D and will be engaged as it is delivered.
- 2.3 Flex D consists of the following key aspects:
 - 2.3.1 7 charging hubs, one per District/Borough – consists of solar canopy, battery storage and 6 standard dual chargers delivering 12 sockets at 7.5kW per socket;

- 2.3.2 7 rural EV car clubs – enabling rural mobility and driving uptake of EV’s and use of chargers.
 - 2.3.3 21 standard dual chargers in smaller village locations – co-located with the car clubs to enable charging of vehicles, but also to develop the network of charging between hub towns and satellite villages.
 - 2.3.4 Staffing to manage the installations, to develop and deliver a behaviour change campaign including EV roadshow and to develop the car clubs.
 - 2.3.5 Through learning from the project, the development of a forward delivery plan to support future EV charging infrastructure locally.
- 2.4 Comprehensive details as to the delivery of the Flex D project by the Council will be provided once formal award documentation is available and procurement arrangements have been identified.

Impact on Capital Programme

- 2.5 The council will be procuring the provision of this additional EV capacity on behalf of all of the districts and boroughs and will therefore need to account for it, however the net cost to the Council will be nil. The outline change to the capital programme is shown below:

Updated Capital Programme reflecting new Flex D (LEVI)						
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Capital Programme to be approved 27 February 2023	10,723	11,010	4,625	1,081	412	27,851
EV Scheme (Flex D)	1,998	250	34	0	0	2,282
Updated Capital Programme	12,721	11,260	4,659	1,081	412	30,133
Sources of finance to be approved 27 February 2023	10,723	11,010	4,625	1,081	412	27,851
Additional External Funding (*)	1,998	250	34	0	0	2,282
Updated Sources of Finance	12,721	11,260	4,659	1,081	412	30,133

* Memorandum: change in external funding						
External Funding noted in Sources of Finance to be approved 27 February 2023	2,928	2,250	550	0	0	5,728
New Flex D Funding	999	125	17	0	0	1,141
LRBP Match-Funding	999	125	17	0	0	1,141
"New" External Funding	1,998	250	34	0	0	2,282
Updated External Funding	4,926	2,500	584	0	0	8,010

Requirement of Constitution

- 2.6 Council approves the Budget and determines the budget and policy framework. Cabinet and officers must then work within the [Budget and Policy Framework](#). If a matter arises which is contrary to that framework, it must be referred back to Council for determination. Otherwise, Cabinet is responsible for oversight of the financial performance of the council.

Reporting to Cabinet and Councillors

2.7 Further reports will be brought forward to appropriate meetings of Cabinet and or Council in accordance with the provisions of the council's constitution.

