



Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA
Chairperson Committee for Infrastructure
Northern Ireland Assembly

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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Michelle,

DECARBONISING ROAD TRANSPORT IN NORTHERN IRELAND

I refer to your letter dated 25 March 2021 to our Chief Executive relating to your inquiry looking at the ambition to decarbonise road transport in Northern Ireland. I have been asked to respond on behalf of the Council I had previously responded in letter dated 14 April with officer views and would like to add additional comments received from a number of elected members as follows:

- Follow Scotland's lead in providing interest-free loans of up to £35,000 spread over six years towards the cost of an electric vehicle which could be used on top of the OLEV plug-in grant scheme.
- Accelerate installation of charging points, including residential on-street points, ultra- fast chargers on key transport corridors and at service stations, and work with the Electricity Supply Board to replace existing charging points as necessary.
- Stimulate a competitive commercial market in EV charging and remove any regulatory and supply barriers that inhibit a comprehensive charging network's roll-out.
- Work with local councils to take advantage of match funding and to address non-financial barriers for electric vehicles, including local measures such as parking, use of priority lanes, and public awareness campaigns.
- Require all government departments and public sector bodies to purchase zero-emission vehicles.
- Develop a comprehensive plan to manage waste from EVs.
- Promote Mobility as a Service, and create an environment such that giving up car ownership is a viable prospect for an increasing number of people.

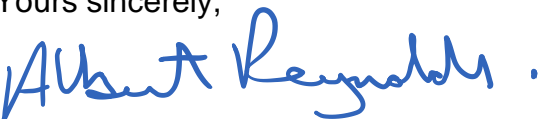
- Replicate the Nottingham Workplace Parking Levy, which places an annual charge of £415 on all employers who provide 11 or more workplace parking spaces to invest in public transport.

And the addition of two benefits

1. Massively reduced fuel and maintenance costs
2. Leading to possible reduction in the total cost of owner over the life time of the vehicle

I hope this additional information and comment assists in your Committee's review and look forward to your briefing.

Yours sincerely,



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