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I would like to know what the Council's long-term strategy is for electric charging points on residential streets. Specifically, I am thinking of circumstances where residents have no driveway, and therefore do not have the option of having their own private point. Does the Council have a plan for these circumstances in the run up to 2030?

The Council is currently delivering publicly available electric vehicle chargers at a range of locations in the city, with the on-street provision targeted at high density residential areas of the city without access to off-street parking. A recent report titled 'Implementing Electric Vehicle Charging Points' details progress with the project and also includes links to previous reports, including the Electric Vehicle (EV) Action Plan report from December 2017 which sets the current strategy for electric vehicle charging provision.

During 2022/23 further publicly available chargers are planned for a number of more peripheral residential areas in the city. Both phases are made possible by funding from Transport Scotland and the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles. All publicly available charge points in the city can be found on the Charge Place Scotland website.

Thereafter centralised funding is unlikely to continue with the onus instead on developing new delivery models and partnership working, with the Scottish Futures Trust and Transport Scotland authored 'Report on Public Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure in Scotland - Opportunities for Growth' making it clear that the current funding model has achieved its aims and needs to be replaced with one which levers in commercial funding. As a result, the Council, with the support of the Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) and Transport Scotland, are currently preparing an Outline Business Case which considers the future financing and delivery of public electric vehicle infrastructure. This Outline Business Case is still very much in the development stage, therefore there is no clear direction yet as to the future locations, delivery model(s) or partners, however, it is very much focused on significantly increasing the charging provision in the city to realise a net zero Edinburgh by 2030. Targeting areas of the city where residents like yourself do not benefit from off-street parking will continue to be a primary focus of any developing strategy.