

55870 Electric On-Street Charging

I am writing to request the following information relating to electric on-street charging.

In particular, are you able to provide me with:

How many public charging outlets or chargepoints for electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles have you installed to date in your local authority?

Please provide figures to the nearest possible date and include the month and the year the figures correspond to.

The City of Edinburgh Council has installed a total number of 137 public chargepoints for electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles. These are broken down as follows:

Prior to January 2022 – 33 public chargepoints

By December 2022 – 81 public chargepoints

By December 2023 – 59 chargepoints (23 public chargepoints, and 36 chargepoints specifically for the use of Car Club vehicles)

For Question 1, how many of the public charging outlets or chargepoints are those classed as On-Street Residential Chargepoints, located on-street in residential streets or areas?

The total number of chargepoints installed by the Council, classed as On-street Residential Chargepoints, is 64. The remaining chargepoints are located at off-street locations such as, Park and Ride sites, Council offices / depots, car parks and library hubs.

How many public charging outlets or chargepoints for electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles do you plan to install in the current fiscal year or the current calendar year?

Please provide figures to whichever timeframe corresponds with your reporting.

The Council are seeking to work with private partners to expand the charging infrastructure in Edinburgh, however this is expected to take place into 2026/27. Therefore, there are currently no plans to install any chargepoints in 2025/26.

For Question 3, how many of the planned public charging outlets or chargepoints are classed as On-Street Residential Chargepoints, to be installed in on-street residential areas?

Not applicable.

Do you have a published strategy for On-Street Residential charging infrastructure?

The Transport and Environment Committee approved the Electric Vehicle Action Plan in December 2017. The Council also commissioned an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Business Case that was approved by the Transport and Environment Committee in October 2018.

The Council is also working with Scottish Futures Trust to develop a business case to determine future financing and delivery models for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. This was set out in a report to the Transport and Environment Committee in March 2023.

The Council also published the City Mobility Plan in 2021 which sets the strategic direction for transport to 2030 that aims at not only achieving air quality improvements through

cleaner vehicles and EV charging infrastructure but also recognising the need to address levels of car use and congestion.

Please see links to these reports below.

Transport and Environment Committee – Thursday, 7 December 2017; Electric Vehicle Action Plan:

https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/Data/Transport and Environment Committee/20171207/Agenda/item_74_-_electric_vehicle_action_plan.pdf

Transport and Environment Committee – Thursday, 4 October 2018; Electric Vehicle Infrastructure: Business Case:

https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/Data/Transport and Environment Committee/20181004/Agenda/item_71_-_electric_vehicle_infrastructure_business_case.pdf

Transport and Environment Committee – Thursday, 2 March 2023; Project Update - Electric Vehicle Charging:

https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s54895/7.2_-_Response_to_motion_and_Project_Update_-_Electric_Vehicle_Charging.pdf

The City Mobility Plan 2021-2030:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/29320/city-mobility-plan-2021-2030>

Do you have a dedicated Policy Officer (or equivalent) responsible for your electric vehicle charging infrastructure?

The Council has a dedicated Policy Officer who is responsible for the City Mobility Plan which includes electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Have you applied for the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund yet?

If yes, have you been successful?

The Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund only applies to local authorities in England and therefore the Council is not eligible for this funding.