



CABINET

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To: Councillors Miah (Leader), Hamilton (Deputy Leader), Ashcroft, Blackshaw, A. Gray, Jadeja, Jones and Tillotson (for attention)

All other members of the Council
(for information)

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Cabinet to be held in Committee Room 1, at the Council Offices, Southfields, Loughborough on Thursday, 10th August 2023 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

9th August 2023

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT - QUESTIONS

5. QUESTIONS UNDER CABINET PROCEDURE 10.7

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The deadline for questions is noon on Monday, 31st July 2023.

CABINET – 10TH AUGUST 2023

QUESTIONS UNDER CABINET PROCEDURE 10.7

A. Councillor Fryer - Electric Vehicle Charging Points, Council Owned Car Parks

“The administration have stated, via their election manifesto, that Electric Vehicle charging points will be installed in all council owned car parks as a matter of urgency. Could they please supply and clarify:

- a. A list of all CBC owned car parks with addresses
- b. Any car parks not owned but maintained by CBC
- c. A schedule of installation and numbers of points?

I also reserve my right to ask a supplementary and or make a statement.”

The Leader, or his nominee, will respond:

a. *A list of all CBC owned car parks with addresses*

- *Beehive Lane Multi Storey*
- *Granby Street*
- *Browns Lane*
- *Southfields Offices*
- *Southfields Road Extension*
- *The Nook, Anstey*
- *High Street, Barrow upon Soar*
- *King Street, Sileby*
- *Melton Road, Syston*
- *Chapel Street, Syston*

A full list of CBC owned car parks can be found on our website at: [Car park locations - Charnwood Borough Council](#) and [Car park locations in Charnwood – Google My Maps](#)

b. *Any car parks not owned but maintained by CBC*

- *Station Road, Quorn*
- *Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves*

c. *A schedule of installation and numbers of points?*

Charnwood Borough Council’s Street Management Team have worked in partnership with the national highway’s authority to site a 50kW dual ‘rapid’ charger on Sileby car park.

Projects Street Management are currently working on or supporting:

1. **ORCS (On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme) – Sileby and Anstey**
*ORCS is a government funded scheme to provide Electric Vehicle infrastructure for residents that do not have driveways and therefore cannot charge vehicles from their homes.
ORCS funding has been awarded to CBC and a contractor procured for: Anstey 4 x fast dual units, Sileby 3 x fast dual units.
Legal contracts and lease agreements have been completed, with installation expected to commence on-site imminently. Final connection to be arranged with National Grid (approx. mid to end of Aug).*
2. **LEVI (Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure) scheme funding – Leicestershire County Council on street EVCPs (Electric Vehicle private Charge Points)**
Leicestershire County Council are leading on a project for on-street residential charge points. LCC have been awarded funding through the government's LEVI (Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure) scheme. CBC will have little involvement other than discussions on the proposed on-street site locations – All sites being on County Council Highways.
3. **Flex-D solar hubs partly using LEVI funding and car share scheme**
CBC is part of a Leicestershire wide project which has been awarded LEVI funding for the installation of Solar canopies, battery storage and EV charge points in public car parks throughout the County. The project is headed up by Harborough District Council and supported by Nottingham City Council Midlands Net Zero Hub. Syston has been agreed by SLT as the preferred site in Charnwood. There will be between 6 to 12 7kW charge points to be agreed with Flex-D project (given the size of the car park, this will probably be on the lower side. Installation expected September 2024.
4. *There are other EV charging sites in the Borough which can be found on the Zap Map App.*

B. Councillor Seaton – Pursuing Enforcement

“Why do we have an enforcement policy if we are reluctant to enforce? Over the last decade I have had several longstanding cases that reach the stage of serving notice but no action being taken when that notice did not have the desired effect.

I know I am not the only councillor that has registered a lack of willingness from the Council to pursue cases through the legal process.

Therefore, I would like assurances that this administration will continue with the proposed Internal Officers Group set up to review cases that are proving difficult to resolve. I would also seek reassurance that the ward councillor will be kept up to date with action being taken, or consulted on why the group has decided to

take no action and that this is done without the ward councillor having to 'prompt' a response".

The Leader, or his nominee, will respond:

The Council delivers a range of enforcement activity, including that relating to anti-social behaviour, environmental health issues, street management, Council Tax, and unauthorised development.

Policies are in place to support enforcement action that is in line with best practice, and compliant with statutory guidance and the law. Most issues are dealt with through informal action, and typically interventions are graduated and escalating. This approach is consistent with the expectation of the courts, codes of practice, and statutory guidance.

The Council does take legal action on a regular basis where cases are serious and legal thresholds for enforcement are met. For example, in the last 12 months enforcement action has been taken in a number of areas including:

- *Obtaining Closure Orders at 3 properties where disorder had occurred.*
- *Evicting 3 tenants, with a further eviction booked in for the 8th August 23*
- *Obtaining 2 Injunctions against individuals to prevent serious ASB*
- *Issuing 43 Fixed Penalty Notices to prevent environmental harm for offences around fly tipping, littering, waste, dog control, and bins on streets.*
- *Passing outstanding Council tax debts to our Enforcement Agents to collect. In 2022/23 3161 cases were referred. So far this year we have sent a further 1037 accounts for enforcement action.*

Multi-agency meetings under the Community Safety Partnership take place to support the management of ASB and enforcement activity within that sphere. The Council also operates an internal ASB and Enforcement Hub. These groups are expected to continue; however, they do not have decision making powers. Decisions to progress legal action are taken by Council officers with the appropriate delegated authority set out in the Council's constitution.

Councillors acting in a ward member capacity can expect to be updated on casework issues they have raised. If there are current cases where you are expecting an update and have not received one, the matter should be brought to the attention of the relevant Head of Service.