

Request:

- 1) Does the local authority have a procurement plan for Electric or other low emission vehicles with a view to replace its current fleet of vehicles with low emission alternatives?

Highways - Yes, we intend on replacing our fleet with eco 6 engines which have a lower emission. These vehicles used adblu which is also an emission control measure.

Council core fleet - All new vehicles replaced are Euro 6 standard with low emission engines and we are exploring the options of electric vehicles.

- 2) Does the local authority have a plan in place to build increase Electric Vehicle charging points in the local authority area?

The North East Combined Authority (NECA), which North Tyneside Council is part of, has declared an ambition to improve the quality and availability of EV charging infrastructure across the North East region, with the ultimate aim of supporting the increase and uptake of EVs.

The region's existing charging infrastructure has been established over a number of years, with operational and maintenance responsibilities lying with the relevant local authority or land owner. To improve the consistency of infrastructure, and harmonise user experience across the region, the NECA wishes to procure a single Contractor to upgrade, repair, maintain and operate all existing infrastructure.

Procuring a contractor to operate and maintain the infrastructure will ensure investment in the network and remove the revenue burden from the local authority, the contract will help to reduce the risk of the network again falling into a poor state of repair.

The process is currently being lead by Newcastle City Council, who are in the process of developing the tender to be circulated to prospective contractors for consideration.