

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
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Report of the Director of Community & Environmental Services

INSATALLATION OF ELECTRIC POINTS FOR ICE-CREAM VENDORS ON DERBYSHIRE DALES DISTRICT COUNCIL'S LAND

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report aims to reduce carbon emissions by only permitting environmental friendly ice cream vans to operate on Derbyshire Dales District Council owned land as part of the Councils Climate Change agenda and our ambition to become carbon neutral by 2030. The report stipulates that in future tender documents, ice cream vendors must operate in a climate friendly way. In order to achieve this, approval from members is required to increase the revenue budget by £35,000 over two financial years in order to install electric points at the locations highlighted in the report below.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That £21,500 be incorporated into the 2021/22 revenue budget for work to be undertaken to install electric facilities for ice cream vendors to use at the following locations – Matlock Bath Station Car Park, Hall Ley's Park (Park Head), Hall Ley's Park (Boating Lake), Granby Road Bakewell and Bakewell Recreation Ground.
2. That £13,500 be incorporated into the 2022/23 revenue budget for work to be undertaken to install electric facilities for ice cream vendors to use at the following locations once a contract has been awarded to a successful tender return – Monsal Head (long stay car park), Derwent Garden's (Matlock Bath), Shawcroft Car Park and Artist Corner.
3. That for the 2021/22 season Ice Cream Vendors will be managed on an event licence for each position across the District, which will be administered by the events team.
4. That the schedule under paragraph 2.6 of this report which aims to have all Ice Cream Vendors operating in a more environmentally friendly way by 31 August 2023 be noted.

WARDS AFFECTED

All Wards

STRATEGIC LINK

This report supports the Council's Priorities, Place – Keeping the Derbyshire Dales Clean, Green and Safe and Climate Emergency target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Council allows private operators to sell ice cream from designated locations on Council land, subject to an agreement and a fee being paid to the Council. Currently Ice Cream vans operating on District Council land (mainly parks and car parks) operate whilst the engine is idling in order to power the van. These fumes contain a number of harmful gasses including Carbon Dioxide, which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change, as well as a range of other harmful gasses including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydro carbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.
- 1.2 The three year Ice Cream Concessions agreements were due to be renewed in April 2020. As with most hospitality businesses the ice cream trade has been impacted hugely by the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 1.3 Ice Cream van contracts on District Council land had a total value of £108,500 per annum in 2019. This amount would have been impacted long term by reduced bids if a tender process was undertaken during the pandemic.
- 1.4 Importantly, the District Council has declared a Climate Emergency and has a target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030. Most ice-cream vans, particularly older models, use diesel engines which are kept running to operate the refrigerated equipment. These produce harmful emission, including black carbon, when left idling.

2 REPORT

- 2.1 There are nine sites which have been included previously in a tender process for ice cream vendors.

Location
Monsal Head (Long Stay) Car Park
Derwent Gardens, Matlock Bath
Matlock Bath Station car park
Artists Corner car park
Hall Leys Park (Park Head)
Hall Leys Park (Boating Lake)
Bakewell Recreation Ground
Shawcroft car park
Granby Road car park

- 2.2 Ice Cream vans stand in a variety of locations on District Council Land, the amount of CO2 emissions from a diesel van idling is approximately 4.5kg per hour. This figure does not apply to all vans operating in Derbyshire Dales as the newer vehicles will be more environmentally friendly than the older vehicles. The District Council has vans ranging from 1992 to 2017 models currently operating in the area. A result of introducing electric points for ice cream vans and the eventual move to 100% green energy could amount to an estimated reduction of 28.6 tons in CO2 emissions.
- 2.3 To facilitate the new environmentally friendly ice-cream vehicles, electrical supply and charging points will need to be installed at each site. Initial quotes have been

obtained from Derwent Treescapes (supply) and Overton Electrical Services (charge points).

Costs to install an electricity supply and charging point to each site:

Location	Cost (£) + VAT 20%
Monsal Head (Long Stay) car park	4759.27
Derwent Gardens	2726.51
Matlock Bath Station car park	3378.59
Artists Corner	3234.81
Hall Leys Park (Park Head)	4111.81
Hall Leys Park (Boating Lake)	4759.27
Bakewell Recreation	3819.81
Shawcroft car park	592.55
Granby Road car park	2759.27
Total	30,141.89
Contingency	4,858.11
Project Total	£35,000

2.4 It's proposed that these costs are added to the revenue budget and split across the financial years 2021/22 (£21,500) & 2022/23 (13,500). The total amount of £35,000 includes a small amount of contingency costs as current quotes may vary once work is approved.

2.5 The sites where work will be carried out during the first year (2021/22) are outlined in recommendation 1, these positions had contracts in place at time of expiry in March 2020. Work at the remaining sites will be carried out during 2022/23 once a successful contract has been awarded through the tender process. This also allows the Council to spread the cost over two financial years.

2.6 The following timetable shows the timescales that officers aim to follow subject to any continuing delays caused by the pandemic.

Action	Date
CLT initial report	January 2021
Committee approval for revenue budget	February 2021
Engagement	February 2021 – April 2021
Ice Cream Vendors on Events Licence	April 2021 – March 2022
Tender process for new 3 year contracts	October 2021 – January 2022
Contract awarded	January 2022
Contract Start date	April 2022
All sites operating environmentally friendly	Midway through 3 year contract (August 2023)

2.7 Officers aim to have all sites where ice cream vendors are in place using electric points by August 2023, halfway through the 3 year contact. Doing this allows the District Council the opportunity to work with the successful vendor on achieving these timescales.

- 2.8 Officers have already had preliminary discussions with ice cream vendors regarding upgrading their vehicles to be more environmentally friendly and initial discussions were mostly positive.
- 2.9 The project team will aim to engage with all relevant partners on the project including the ice cream vendors and Town or Parish Councils and will work closely with the District Council's Climate Change working group.
- 2.10 Officers have looked into options for Ice Cream vans to be upgraded to electric vehicles. There are two known companies who currently carry out this work specifically for ice cream vans. This work can be done on all ice cream vehicles built since 2006 at a cost of up to £6,500. Officers expect that this cost may affect the initial value of the 3 year contract as tender returns take this additional cost into account.

3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The relevant Ward Members and Town/ Parish Councils will be included in the project.

4 OTHER EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

- 4.1 None received

5 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 Legal

The installation of the charging points are in line with the Council's aim to reduce carbon emissions and therefore the legal risk is low. Event license agreement for ice cream vans will need to be reviewed in order to cover the requirement to use the charging points and the cost of the electricity.

- 5.2 Financial

There is no current revenue budget for the additional cost of installing electric points. The estimated costs (£35,000 over two financial years) will be included in the draft budget for 2021/22 and in the Medium Term Financial Plan (2022/23 costs), which are due to be considered at the Council meeting on 4 March 2021.

The reduction in income in 2020/21 and 2021/22 will be reflected in the revised estimates for 2020/21 and the draft budget for 2021/22. For 2022/23 onwards, the Medium Term Financial Plan will include a slightly lower level of income than was received in 2019/20, to reflect the additional costs of vehicle conversions that ice cream vendors will face.

The financial risk is assessed as 'medium'.

6 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

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8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

9 ATTACHMENTS

9.1 None