

Report on	ESB Electric Vehicle Network Charging Update
Date of Meeting	3 rd April 2023
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the introduction of pay for use of ESB public Electric Vehicle (EV) charging network from 26 th April 2023.
2.0	Background
2.1	The current network of public EV charging network in Northern Ireland was largely installed in the period 2012-2014 by a consortium led by the Department for Regional having previously secured funding from the Office for Low Emissions Vehicles (OLEV).
2.2	A list of the public chargers in Mid Ulster District is included in section 6.1. The charging network is owned and operated by ESB eCars. ESB eCars have recently secured £3.27M from the UK Levelling Up fund to completely overhaul this network.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	In 2021 ESB replaced 30 FAST Chargers (22kW) and 5 RAPID Chargers (50kW) in Northern Ireland. They are now commencing the next phase of the Northern Ireland upgrade programme with 80 FAST (22kW) Charger replacements. This work is part of a £10 million investment, £3.27 million of which is from the Levelling Up Fund. The plan includes replacing all 100 remaining fast (22kW) and rapid (50kW) EV chargers across Northern Ireland.
3.2	As part of this upgrade process, ESB is introducing pay for use on all chargers on 26 th April 2023. The network has been free to use in Northern Ireland since its establishment. Introducing pay for use is required to continue to invest in, upgrade and expand the public network to meet the growing demand for EV drivers and to ensure reliability for customers. See section 6.2 for further detail on the ESB upgrade plan and section 6.3 for the ESB communication with drivers in respect of the price plan.

3.3	ESB is engaging with Council regarding timing of charger upgrades on Council property, including a number that are at the end of life and no longer working. This includes securing agreements for the chargers that were previously owned by NIE and transferred to ESB in 2021.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: None.
	Human: Staff time to engage with ESB and legal services support in respect of putting in place legal agreements for EV chargers on Council property.
	Risk Management: None
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None.
	Rural Needs Implications: None.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That the Committee notes the content of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – List of public EV chargers in Mid Ulster
6.2	Appendix 2 - ESB Upgrade overview presentation
6.3	Appendix 3 – ESB Price plan communication