

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure – Strategic Control Plan

Vision, Values and Focus Areas

Vision

Factoring in the unique challenges of the region, we will deliver Highland solutions for Highland challenges. Our ambition is to create Scotland's greenest transport system across its largest area.

We will spearhead the development of a regional electric vehicle (EV) network, further supporting our climate change commitments and accelerating the transition to low carbon transport for The Highland Council and its communities.

We want to be a leading authority to help bridge low carbon connectivity for, and to, our city and rural communities. We will do this by adhering to the following –

- As the gateway to rural and island communities we will ensure equality of access to EV charging infrastructure
- Support economic recovery through investment in local EV infrastructure
- Enabling integrated transport initiatives for all by expanding provision for local residents, tourists and visitors
- Wherever feasible, maximise our use of natural resources to deliver sustainable, locally generated solutions
- Consider emerging technologies to ensure appropriate solutions are appraised as the sector and market evolves
- Support climate change targets through the electrification of The Highland Council fleet
- Attract external investment to progress our vision

The vision supports government ambitions by delivering/supporting projects and initiatives that contribute positively towards current targets:

Scottish Government: to phase out the need for new petrol and diesel cars and vans by **2032**

UK Government: to end the sale of new petrol and diesel cars (excluding some hybrids) from **2030**

Our vision is a point of reference (something to substantiate our proposals and bids), it will be included in application forms and project documents to build confidence with funders and delivery partners so that they are assured The Highland Council has a clear direction of travel.

Values

Equitable: We believe it is important that regardless of rurality all Highland residents are treated equally and have access to the provision of EV infrastructure.

Determined: We are committed to delivering and embedding improved and widely accessible low carbon transport infrastructure solutions for the people of Highland.

Pragmatic: We will continue to deliver practical and realistic solutions that will address Highland specific challenges and demonstrate best value.

Enabling: We recognise that we have a responsibility not only to deliver positive change through our own programme but also by supporting locally driven low carbon transport transitions that benefit Highland communities.

Collaborative: We will build on existing partnership working with renewed focus to ensure the region benefits from a collective approach that understands the unique issues facing Highland.

Our values set out core beliefs that are shared and embraced across the whole climate change agenda. They will be included in application forms and project documents to reflect the behaviours and considerations we promote that will help us achieve our vision.

Focus Areas



The Focus Areas are high level categories that we will concentrate on. They will be included in application forms and project documents to provide insight into the targeted interventions and changes we want to make at a strategic level.