

Item 8 - Question Time

To the Chair of the Environment, Development & Infrastructure Committee

“How many times have electric car charging points, either owned by or situated on Highland Council property, been used both in the past 12 months and since they were originally installed?”

Response to Mr A Jarvie

The first rapid EV charges were installed by Highland Council under the Transport Scotland funded programme in August 2015 and more have been installed since at locations agreed with Transport Scotland in accordance with their national strategy “Switched on Scotland”.

The enclosed table shows all the EV chargers operated by Highland Council and the number of times they have been used in the two years Sept 15 – Aug 16 and Sept 16 – Aug 17.

Total recorded usage for Sept 16 to Aug 17 was 7774 times, for Sept 15 to Aug 16 usage was 4488. (Figures for Roy Bridge site are not currently available due to poor mobile phone signal, Transport Scotland are working with their supplier to provide a remote monitoring facility).

There are no EV chargers owned by third parties located on Highland Council or Highland Council managed land.

All other EV chargers in the Highlands are owned and operated by third parties; Highland Council does not have access to the usage data for these sites.

I have also enclosed information on usage in the 12 months up to August 2016 as this was the subject of a Community Services Committee report last November – in this regard, the web-link for the information is provided below.

https://www.highland.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/3767/community_services_committee

Highland Council Electric Vehicle Chargers Usage		1/9/15 – 31/8/16		1/9/16 – 31/8/17	
Site	Charger Type	Usage	Electricity KwHr	Usage	Electricity KwHr
Broom Place Portree (HC usage)	Slow	50	485	60	322
Highland Council HQ (HC usage)	Slow	306	2,409	123	859
Camanachd Car Park Fort William Fast	Fast	62	123	87	100
Camanachd Car Park Fort William Rapid	Rapid	595	8,983	1420	17089
West Bay Car Park, Mallaig *	Rapid	21	312	70	577
Bayfield Car Park, Portree	Rapid	171	1,433	235	2758
Queen Street Car Park, Tain	Rapid	418	4,663	620	7096
Public Toilet Car Park, B9152 Grampian Road, Aviemore	Rapid	549	5,142	977	10781
Burnfield Avenue Car Park, Grantown-on-Spey	Rapid	84	879	203	2400
Gynack Road Car Park, Kingussie	Rapid	131	1,100	386	4366
Tourist Information Car Park, Drumnadrochit	Rapid	366	3,259	490	4432
Public Toilet Car Park, Scourie *	Rapid	11	68	7	148
War Memorial Car Park, Durness *	Rapid	8	70	33	378
Public Toilet Car Park, Melvich *	Rapid	40	477	50	571
Cathedral Car Park Inverness	Rapid	918	9,751	1240	16058
Dunrobin Street Car Park, Helmsdale	Rapid	183	1,492	202	2053
Victoria Place Car Park, Wick	Rapid	195	1,271	441	2988
Tongue car park, Tongue *	Rapid	51	261	36	354
Inchwannie Court Car Park, Dingwall	Rapid	205	1,380	653	7026
Court House Lane Car Park, Nairn	Rapid	124	1,419	441	4742
Roy Bridge *(No remote monitoring due to poor mobile signal)	Rapid	0	0	0	0
Town House , Inverness (Install 08/17)	Semi-Rapid	N/A	N/A	5	47
Total		4488	44,977	7774	85,145

* Locations with poor 2G mobile signal coverage.