



Combined Authority Board	Agenda Item
20 September 2023	5

Title:	Public Questions
Report of:	Edwina Adefehinti, Interim Chief Officer Legal and Governance & Monitoring Officer
Lead Member:	Councillor Edna Murphy, Lead Member Governance
Public Report:	Yes

Question 1 – from Rod Hart, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Climate Action Coalition

To	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson
	<p>In the years 2022 - 2025 a total of £435k is proposed to be spent on five EV officers split across CCC, PCC and CPCA there is also a £23k consultancy budget.</p> <p>My question is this: what on earth will those five offices be doing for £435k and why do we need to pay for external consultancy as well?</p>
	<p><i>Response:</i></p> <p>The £435,000 was allocated and successfully awarded as part of the LEVI (Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure) Capability Fund.</p> <p>The LEVI Capability Fund is available to Tier 1 Local Authorities in England and can be used to finance the staff and expertise needed to deliver EV infrastructure, with the aim of¹:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increasing the capacity and capability of every Tier 1 local authority to plan and deliver EV infrastructure; and• Enabling every Tier 1 local authority to have a published EV Infrastructure Strategy. <p>The Combined Authority working in collaboration with Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and Peterborough City Council (PCC) were asked to identify how the funding would be used to increase their capability to deliver EV infrastructure. An EV officer for each area CCC, PCC and CPCA will undertake in collaboration the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finalise EV Strategy;• Establish EV Infrastructure Governance;• Training;• Engagement – constituent councils, members, public and other key stakeholders;• Market testing;• Development of 5-year Delivery Plan – Scheme development;• Procurement - Documents – CPCA wide and CCC / PCC;• Staff capacity to deliver installed and commissioned charging infrastructure; and• LEVI capital fund business case - Work towards application for Capital Fund (£5,437,000). <p>The external consultancy pot of funding is planned for work we are unable to carry out in house, this will only be utilised as we move through the project as needed. Work this is likely to include is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GIS mapping software and database development;• Site selection software; and• Branding. <p>For more information on the LEVI Capability fund please see this link LEVI-Capability-Fund-Info-Pack.pdf (energysavingtrust.org.uk)</p>

¹ [Government fund open to local authorities for new electric vehicle infrastructure capability \(cenex.co.uk\)](#)