

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

The request regards the installation and use of electric charging points.

1) How many electric car charging points is the council responsible for (either directly or through a contractor)?

ANSWER

Currently, 2 ground mounted posts (4 sockets) at Dover Street car park, city centre. 2 wall mounted units (4 sockets) at Newarke Street car park, city centre. Ongoing project to deliver 2 ground mounted posts (4 sockets) each; at our Meynell's Gorse and Enderby Park & Ride sites.

2) How much has the council spent on electric car charging in 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13? Please provide a yearly breakdown and include installation, operating, maintenance and any other related costs. Please also include the use of any grants, rather than offset them.

10/11 = £0

11/12 = £0

12/13 = £4,664.88 contribution to Leicestershire County Council led charging point installations at Birstall P&R site.

12/13	Dover Street	Newarke Street
Charging point cost	£5,508.00 for two. Being the costs of; Posts & protective barriers = £4,360 Three years maintenance = £648 2 x charging leads = £500	£5,148 for two. Being the costs of; Wall mounted units = £4,000 Three years maintenance = £648 2 x charging leads = £500
Installation cost	£6,610.16. Being the costs of; Car park power upgrade = £1,588.09 Civils (eg ducts & foundations) = £1,728.34 Electrical = £3,030.64 Markings = £263.09	£2,184.90. Being the costs of; Electrical = £2,009.58 Markings = £175.32

The equipment and installation costs total £19,451.06. This attracted a grant of £11,670.64 from the Department for Transport's Office for Low Emission Vehicles. This grant is administered through the Plugged in Midlands programme, and is eligible to go towards the capital costs of the project. Thus, the Dover Street and Newarke Street purchases and installations cost the City Council £7,780.42.

Operating costs.

Our current installations are not Pay As You Go, and therefore users can charge up for free under a membership scheme. This is on the basis that the loss to the Council from a free charge is outweighed by the gain from the car parking charge. The Government require future installations to be PAYG, and our existing sites will be converted in due course. PAYG rules permit the Council (the host) to receive some income from the use of the charging points.

3) How many times was each charging point used in 2013, January to December inclusive?

Dover Street Site No. 2154 = 37
Dover Street Site No. 2152 = 27
Newarke Street Site No. 1920 = 9
Newarke Street Site No. 1575 = 3

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