**Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging**

An outline paper to Trafford Council’s Executive was produced in March 2020 that gained approval to go the market and explore options. This outlined, technology, procurement options, Office for Low Emissions Vehicles funding and detailed some constraints.

We are in a position now that we wish to progress towards a soft market engagement to help us understand the technical and commercial offering currently available.

The commercial offerings available are likely to have evolved over the course of the coronavirus period so it is important we understand what current offerings are available to influence the shape of any future bid.

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Therefore we are interested in hearing from prospective companies on what their potential offer could be for Trafford to progress this venture further.

**Soft Market Test – Information only questions**

Trafford Council are currently asking for expressions of interest relevant to the installation, and maintenance of fast charging points for Low Emission Vehicles

Being an ever evolving market – what products are you currently able to offer and what are the models of the near future expected to be?

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As a business are you able to offer support in the application process for the listed grants/ funds?

Do you have experience with other businesses to gain this kind of funding? If so please could you provide some information on the funding received?

What is your preferred business model? Including thoughts on:

• Concession, lease or own and operate arrangements

• Any other model you would like to propose

• Contract durations

• Procurement of energy

• Customer billing arrangements