**Invitation to our Recharge Supplier Day**

**The Recharge Network**

The Recharge network (www.merseytravel.gov.uk/recharge) is the name given to the Liverpool City Region’s electric vehicle recharging network developed with the aim of creating a vibrant low carbon economy for the Liverpool City Region (LCR). The LCR consists of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral.

There are currently 52 publicly available charge points at 21 sites across the LCR. These charge points were originally installed through OLEV and Local Growth Deal funding with the intention of establishing the LCR Electric Charge point network.

There are a variety of sites including council owned car parks, leisure centres, rail stations and hospital sites. Sites are mixture of dedicated supply to the charge point and supply taken from existing buildings.

The charge posts are Evolt (APT) dual headed 7kw fast chargers, where a full charge takes 3-4 hours. Currently no rapid posts are part of the Recharge network. The back office is currently operated by Charge Your Car and there is currently no tariff set on the network, however, Charge Your Car have recently introduced across the UK a £1 connection fee to cover administration costs.

**What we are looking for?**

As the network has now been established we are hoping to pass it on to someone that will be able to take network from strength to strength, expanding and improving the Recharge offer to the residents of the LCR.

The successful bidder would own, operate and maintain this already established Recharge network which is spread across a variety of host sites within the LCR. Prior to speaking to the market we asked the hosts to set out what they would expect from any future operator. Some of the hosts are happy with the status quo whilst others would expect the successful bidder to upgrade their post. Each host’s requirements are set out in Annex A.

We would also expect the successful bidder to work with the hosts in order to supply and install new EV charge points across the City Region at zero cost to the host.

**Supplier Day**

We hope to go out with this opportunity before the end of 2019 however we would like to discuss the many possibilities with the market first.

The Liverpool City Region is looking to meet with electric vehicle charge point manufacturers, back office providers and installers who could come in and discuss what they may be able to offer the LCR.

**What we expect to discuss with Suppliers on the Day:**

On the supplier day we would like to discuss ideas from charge point manufacturers, installers and back office providers or consortiums in relation to how they may provide a solution for the LCR at zero cost to Merseytravel and partners. In particular we would like to discuss:

* How back office may be operated with potential for some form of profit share agreement for the hosts on existing Recharge posts and new posts being explored (subject to a usage tariff being introduced).
* How you tend to deal with maintenance as this will be a big concern for the hosts.
* Your opinion on the requirements set out in Annex A.
* Summary of how you or any proposed consortium has worked with Local Authorities on previous similar projects.
* Explore long term maintenance opportunities for existing ‘private’ post i.e. those in council depots for fleet vehicles.
* Investment ideas and expansion suggestions including:
	+ How the newly installed charge points will be future proofed to take into account technology advances.
	+ How the network will be accessed, pay as you go, subscription etc –
	+ What additional services the charge points can offer e.g. advertising, marketing, air quality sensors etc
	+ How the future investment will be targeted – how you would evidence this?
* Any other appropriate topics, ideas or suggestions from interested suppliers.

Please note, there are only a limited number of 30 minute timeslots available on the day.

To book one of these timeslots you will need to go through the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/>

**Annex A – Hosts Requirements of existing network**

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| **Site (unique reference)** |   |
| Birkdale Primary School (70805) | EV Charge Point to remain in position (maintained by new operator) |
| Birkenhead North Station (70847 & 70848) | EV Charge Point is upgraded by new owner/operator and also maintained by them. |
| Broadgreen Station (70840) | EV Charge Point is upgraded by new owner/operator and also maintained by them. |
| Broadgreen Hospital (70823) | EV Charge Point to remain in position (maintained by new operator) |
| Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre (70804) | EV Charge Point to remain in position (maintained by new operator) |
| Elgin Way Car Park (70828) | EV Charge Point to remain in position (maintained by new operator) |
| Fairclough Street Car Park (70829) | EV Charge Point to remain in position (maintained by new operator) |
| Hooton Station (70841) | EV Charge Point is upgraded by new owner/operator and also maintained by them. |
| Lea Green Station (70819 & 70820) | EV Charge Point to remain in position (maintained by new operator) |
| Meadows Leisure Centre (70813) | EV Charge Point to remain in position (maintained by new operator) |
| Mount Pleasant Car Park (70850 & 70851) | EV Charge Point is upgraded by new owner/operator and also maintained by them. |
| Newton-le-Willows Station (70844 & 70845) | EV Charge Point to remain in position (maintained by new operator) |
| Queens Park Sports Centre (70808) | EV Charge Point to remain in position (maintained by new operator) |
| Church Street, Runcorn (70846) | EV Charge Point is upgraded by new owner/operator and also maintained by them. |
| Seacombe Ferry Terminal (70801 & 70802) | EV Charge Point is upgraded by new owner/operator and also maintained by them. |
| Selwyn Jones Sports Centre (70827) | EV Charge Point to remain in position (maintained by new operator) |
| Southport Hospital (70837) | EV Charge Point is upgraded by new owner/operator and also maintained by them. |
| St Helens Central Station (70842) | EV Charge Point to remain in position (maintained by new operator) |
| Select Security Stadium, Widnes (70843) | EV Charge Point is upgraded by new owner/operator and also maintained by them. |
| Archway Road, Huyton | EV Charge Point is upgraded by new owner/operator and also maintained by them. |
| Cypres Street, Prescot | EV Charge Point is upgraded by new owner/operator and also maintained by them. |