

## **Building a West Yorkshire EV Charging Network Through partnership webinar 10-Jun-26**

### **Everything takes longer than expected" any example?**

Contracting would be a good example that with the collaboration and governance arrangement of the LEVI funding, takes longer than it would if a single organisation was doing the procurement and holding its own contract. It means that contracts have to go through multiple organisation reviews and governance, any comments that come back from the supplier have to be collaboratively discussed between authority to ensure everyone is happy and consistent. LEVI contracts have to be approved by the funder, the Officer for Zero emission vehicles as well, this adds an additional level of review and governance. All of which takes additional time to a standard process, however although this is a longer and more complex process than normal it does give great collective buying power and reduce council legal and procurement resource needed in the procurement phase as the Combine Authority leads this, the multiple review also means there's a lot higher chance of catching any errors and we have a really solid amount of expertise looking at these contract.

It's similar with any collaboratively developed of processes and documents. Because there are six authorities involved it takes a lot longer to create these than if it was just one organisation or even two working collaborative. All authorities need to have the opportunity to have an equal voice and input into shaping these. When one authority creates a document for example, and then shares it with the other five there can be five different sets of feedback that come back, then changes need to be made and sent back out for review or everyone meet and discuss each other's feedback and agree what changes are going to be made. With collaborative development across multi-organisation there needs to be additional rounds of feedback/review and opportunities for discussion than in a non collaborative process, this take extra time, particularly when trying to work around everyone's diaries, capacity and where difference governance process are involved. However, collaborative creation has a lot of benefits, the reason we get quite a range of feedback is there is a great breath of different skills and experience across the programme and this process allows us to benefit from this skills and experience mix and the perspectives of multiple organisations. When we first started working on LEVI this was quite an innovative way of working and we didn't have the previous learning of how long we needed to plan for collaborative development, as LEVI matured we've better learnt how much buffer we need to build in for this, we've also implemented things like a joint sharepoint so that everyone can work on the same document, rather than multiple copies with comments coming back and using placeholders to work around diaries and ensure we have meeting time available.

Also the lessons learnt in the other question.

### **What difference is AI making to your project?**

It's not being used

### **You mentioned delays around LL. Can you explain this?**

LL are generally done post project implantation. What has been the key issues that have delayed implementation. Because LEVI is a phased programme there is the opportunity for lesson learnt between phases. For example after the Phase 1 procurement we conducted a lesson learnt exercise before we tendered Phase 2a, this gave us the opportunity to refine our procurement documents. But the collaborative review process in the everything takes longer means more time is need. Because there has been some delays in delivery and the outputs from the procurements have been higher than expected, meaning there will be a lot more chargepoints and sites than our pre-implementation modelling showed, we have pushed back the procurement calendar to allow the opportunities for more delivery not just procurement lessons learnt to be taken into account.

### **I am curious to understand how the power requirement from the grid is handled. Is the power mostly solar?**

Most of the power will come from existing lower voltage network capacity. Supplier can propose to use solar but so far none have done so.

**Charging units break regularly. It's a real pain. How quick does it take to fix such issues?**

The LEVI programme has a high 90% contractual KPI for reliability, tied into service level on site attendance and fix times with a severity of incident triage. For a serious level issue where there is high potential for harm on site attendance requirements would be as immediate as possible (ie. as travel to site allows) attendance and repair is measured in hours. For something minor i.e.. cometic damage, that doesn't post a risk or stop functionality this could be days and weeks.