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Cardiff Electric Bus Scheme

**Environmental Scrutiny
13th October 2022**



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Cabinet Recommendation:

1. Approve the acceptance of the grant funding to support the further delivery of electric buses on the Cardiff network.
2. Delegate authority to engage / scope / approve / implement method of allocating funding to:

Cab Member/Director PTE

s.151 Officer / Director Governance and Legal Services,



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Overview:

- £8m Welsh Government funding now available
- Aim: to increase the use of electric buses primarily within Cardiff
- Aligns with corporate priorities/Transport 10 yr vision
- Currently 250 buses / 36 already EV
(from previous ULEB grant of £5.7m)
- Utilise funds by 30th Oct 2023



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Key Considerations:

- Current Engagement with Bus Operators – critical to design scheme
- Potential retrofitting or new vehicles
- Subsidy rules/state aid
- Method of allocating the funding to be determined to achieve best value (grant/tender)
- Funding of potential supporting infrastructure
- Lead times and deliverability



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Detailed Timescales:

- Collaboration with Newport Council on Joint Approach Jun-Aug 2022
- Consultation with bus operators Oct 2022
- Legal and technical due diligence on proposed scheme Nov 2023
- Funding application period – Jan 2023
- Commitments to operators by end of March 2023



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