

# DUBLIN'S FIRST ELECTRIC VEHICLE STRATEGY CHARGES AHEAD

Dublin's four local authorities have rolled out the capital's first EV strategy, which will see 1,650 charge points deployed across the city and county by 2025, as part of the delivery of the charge point infrastructure under the Climate Action Plan.

Ireland's Climate Action Plan (CAP) has targeted 100% electric vehicle (EV) sales, with up to one million EVs planned to be on the road by 2030. The Dublin region represents 25% of Ireland's car fleet and has a significant role to play in the decarbonisation of the country's transport system.

Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council are working together to deploy EV charging infrastructure to support and accelerate this transition.

The objective of this EV strategy for Dublin has been to assess the infrastructure to be deployed and where, the number of charging points needed, and the level of investment required over the next 10 years. It will also explore the roles that all four local authorities may play in the roll out of the infrastructure.

David Storey, Director of Services for Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel at Fingal County Council, which Chairs the EV Steering Group said: "There is a need for significant improvement in the number and type of charging points across Dublin. It's important that we support people as they transition to using electric vehicles."

He said the varying needs of those who live in places where they cannot easily plug their vehicle in to charge should be considered. "An estimated 34,000 people will rely solely on public charging spaces, and this strategy is a step forward in that mission."

## RESIDENTIAL CHARGING SOLUTIONS

The Dublin Metropolitan Area (DMA) is currently identifying priority areas that require the installation of residential charging solutions supported by the four local authorities, which will consider location factors while ensuring distribution and provision is fair and equitable.

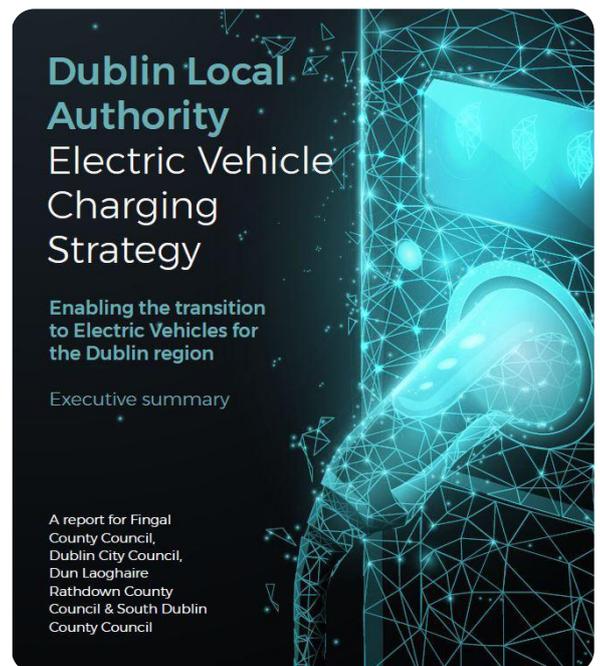
He said that members of the public who currently own or lease an EV are being asked to express their interest for a charge point in their local neighbourhood, such as car parks, sports club, schools etc.

"This may not guarantee a charge point will be installed in that location but will help the four local authorities to identify areas where there is local need. Several trials of different charger types are already taking place across the DMA with plans to actively support the deployment of public charge points in the short term," Storey added.

The Department of Transport is supporting the purchase of new fully electric batteries and is offering grants of up to €5,000 (dependant on the price of the EV) through registered dealerships.

The four local authorities have partnered with Smart Dublin and CARO to form an EV Steering Group in co-ordinating and supporting the delivery of charging infrastructure across the four local authority regions.

The Steering Group's EV Charging Strategy outlines the number and types of charge points to be delivered across Dublin up to 2030. It also provides information on EV grants; their value, how to apply, and additional incentives to help get motorists plugged in.



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