

DMNH 042 - LEVI Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Contracting authority

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Devolved regulations that apply: None

Procedure

Procedure type: Open procedure

Special regime: Concession

Scope

Title: DMNH 042 - LEVI Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Reference number: DMNH 042

Main category: WORKS

Description

Overview

The purpose of this notice is to inform potential service providers of Shropshire Council's intention to bring to market its Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) fund procurement opportunity to deliver additional electric vehicle charging infrastructure (EVCI) in Shropshire.

The LEVI funding allows large scale deployment of EVCI by the private sector, under contract to Councils, specifically targeting delivery of an equitable charging network. Forecasts indicate that by 2050, EV adoption will be significant, with an estimated 90% of cars being electric (EVs) across both rural and urban areas. The aim of the Government's LEVI Fund is to get ahead of this demand, ensuring that access to EVCI is not a blocker to the EV transition, particularly for residents who are unable to charge at home.

The Council's intention is to appoint a service provider (or consortia) to supply, install, connect and operate the EVCI. The Council will utilise LEVI funds to de-risk delivery for the private sector service provider and support the installation of EVCI to meet the level

of demand anticipated for 2035.

This is an initial market testing exercise to aid the Council in gathering information. It is not an invitation to tender or request formal expressions of interest. A procurement exercise is expected at a future point in 2026, with a view to a service provider being appointed in early 2027 and the first charge points being operational before the end of 2027. It is expected that there will be a 28-week competitive flexible procedure comprising a 4-week premarket engagement phase, a two-stage competition (PSQ and ITT), post tender dialogue , BAFO, final evaluation and moderation , standstill and contract award

Background to Charging Infrastructure and LEVI in Shropshire

As of October 2025, there were a total of 546 devices across Shropshire, some of which have been delivered under contract to the Council. Initial analysis indicates that more than 550 new devices can be delivered across the region utilising the LEVI Fund capital funding, doubling the number of devices.

Work is underway to determine suitable areas and sites for delivery of this scale of EVCI. Devices will be located either on-street or on council owned land in the majority of cases. Further details will be provided at procurement stage.

Approval was given to take forward the LEVI process at a meeting of the Shropshire Cabinet on 11 March 2026.

Outline of the Scope of Shropshire Council's LEVI Scheme

The anticipated scope of the scheme, in brief, is outlined here:

The scope of installation will primarily include standard 7kW devices, with the option to incorporate:

22kW fast devices, where local network capacity and site conditions allow; and

A limited number of 50kW+ rapid devices, subject to local network capacity and site suitability.

To facilitate the procurement process, the Council intends to utilise the established documentation available from the LEVI Support body, and available on the NEVIS platform, as far as reasonably possible.

The service provider will be appointed under a concession contract where the Council grants the service provider the right to deliver, operate, own and maintain EVCI on Council-owned land or highways. A 15-year contract (with the option to extend by one year) is proposed, which is in line with market trends and recommended by the Department for Transport (DfT).

The Council intends to adopt the Heads of Terms recommendations and will seek an annual concession fee and/or a percentage revenue share which will be determined as part of the procurement process and after undertaking market engagement.

The Council will invest its £2,006,000 of LEVI Fund capital funding, alongside investment from the service provider.

Additional Procurement and Scheme Information

The Council has not finalised its approach to a lotting strategy and is actively considering whether to divide the opportunity into lots or to appoint a single supplier. This decision will be informed by our preferred sites and charging speeds, market engagement and further analysis over the coming months, ensuring that the final structure both attracts strong market support and safeguards the interests of Shropshire's residents and businesses.

The Council is updating its EVI Strategy that sets out its vision for the future of EVI and EV transition across the region. This strategy will be made available to bidders.

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<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/delta/viewNotice.html?noticeId=1044039162>

Total value (estimated):

GBP 108,000,000 excluding VAT

GBP 130,000,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated): 16/11/2027 to 15/11/2042

CPV classifications:

31610000 - Electrical equipment for engines and vehicles.

34144900 - Electric vehicles.

34920000 - Road equipment.

45310000 - Electrical installation work.

50100000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services of vehicles and related equipment.

51110000 - Installation services of electrical equipment.

Delivery regions: UKG22 - Shropshire CC

Participation

Suitable for SMEs: Yes

Suitable for VCSEs: No

Engagement

Engagement deadline: 19/08/2026

Engagement status: The engagement has not yet been carried out.

Engagement process description:

The Council intends on hosting early market engagement beginning in June 2026, allowing suppliers to understand more about the Council's EVCI ambitions. and respond to a series of questions.

We are initially asking suppliers to complete a MS Form questionnaire. A briefing document will be provided to suppliers to provide further information on the Council's initial thoughts to inform suppliers responses to the questions.

Suppliers who wish to take part in this engagement should email EV-Shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk including 'LEVI early market engagement' in the subject line following which the briefing document and MS Form link will be provided.

The Council has not finalised its approach to market engagement following suppliers' completion of the questionnaire. However, the Council will be undertaking a transparent process and therefore any clarification questions or additional information will be provided through this platform.

If suppliers have any queries we ask they utilise the platform or contact

EV-Shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk