

DMNH 042 - LEVI Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: REGIONAL_AUTHORITY

Devolved regulations that apply: None

Procedure

Procedure type: Open procedure

Preliminary market engagement conducted: Not provided

Special regime: Concession

Scope

Title: DMNH 042 - LEVI Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Reference number: DMNH 042

Main category: WORKS

Description:

Shropshire Council is undertaking a secondary preliminary market engagement (PME) exercise in advance of a planned procurement for the delivery of publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure (EVCI) across Shropshire.

Since undertaking its initial market engagement exercise, the Council has refined its proposed delivery model, concession structure, funding assumptions and site identification methodology. This secondary PME is intended to test these emerging proposals with the market and ensure that the eventual procurement is structured to maximise competition, attract investment and deliver a sustainable, equitable public charging network across Shropshire.

The Council intends to procure a concession contract for the supply, installation, connection, operation and maintenance of electric vehicle charging infrastructure funded through the Department for Transport's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund.

This secondary PME is being conducted in accordance with the market engagement provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 and is intended solely to inform the design and conduct of a future procurement. Participation in this engagement exercise will not confer any advantage or disadvantage in any subsequent procurement process.

The Council currently anticipates commencing a formal procurement process during 2026, with contract award anticipated in 2027.

Background

Shropshire currently has approximately 546 public charge points. The Council has secured £2,006,000 of LEVI funding and expects to facilitate the deployment of over 550 additional charge points across the county.

The programme is intended to improve access to EV charging, particularly for residents without access to off-street parking, and support the transition to electric vehicles across both urban and rural communities.

Proposed Opportunity

The Council is considering appointing a charge point operator under a concession contract to:

- Design, install, connect and operate EV charge points;
- Maintain and manage the charging network;
- Invest alongside the Council's LEVI funding;
- Deliver charging infrastructure on-street and on Council-owned land.

The network is expected to comprise primarily 7kW charge points, supplemented by 22kW fast chargers and a limited number of rapid chargers where site conditions and network capacity permit.

The Council is currently proposing a concession term of 15 years, with an option to extend by two years.

The Council's current expectation is that the appointed concessionaire will be responsible for:

- Detailed design and delivery of the charging network;
- Supply, installation and commissioning of charging infrastructure;
- Distribution network connections;
- Operation, maintenance and management of the charging network;
- Customer services and payment systems;
- Asset lifecycle management and replacement;
- Reporting and performance monitoring requirements.

The anticipated charging mix is expected to include:

- Primarily 7kW standard charging infrastructure;
- 22kW fast charging infrastructure where site and network conditions permit;
- A limited number of rapid charging installations of 50kW or greater where commercially and technically viable.

Charging infrastructure is expected to be located principally on-street and on Council-

owned land.

Further information regarding the proposed site portfolio and deployment expectations will be made available at procurement stage.

Use of Core Supplier Information

Suppliers should note that any future procurement undertaken under the Procurement Act 2023 is expected to require suppliers to be registered on the Central Digital Platform (Find a Tender) and to maintain up-to-date Core Supplier Information in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Procurement Regulations 2024.

Areas for Market Feedback

The Council particularly welcomes feedback regarding:

Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and their management

Site assessment and selection

Site design and stakeholder engagement

Communications and customer engagement Participation

Important Information

This notice:

Does not constitute a call for competition;

Does not commence a procurement procedure;

Does not constitute any commitment by the Council to procure the services described;

Is issued solely for market engagement and information gathering purposes.

Any future procurement opportunity will be advertised separately in accordance with applicable procurement legislation and published via the Central Digital Platform (Find a Tender).

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: 20/10/2026

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

Engagement process description:

The Council intends to undertake this secondary PME through the completion of a survey by potential suppliers. This can be accessed through the below link:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=ETDBti03i0O8gmfkx5ZuiZqJj-zABDxEshDO7liDCptUMklUNE9QRjhOTTBTSFFRUDA3RUFJWFJBTi4u&route=shorturl>

Parties with questions or clarifications should contact:

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using the subject line:

"LEVI Secondary Preliminary Market Engagement"

The engagement will be open until 20th October 2026 at 23.00.