

Item 8.1 Presentation of CEO Report – Issue 77

Question from Councillor Clark:

Regarding the Community Electronic Vehicle program, it states that this will be implemented with a no or low cost as a result of the Expression of Interest. Can officers outline what the costs might potentially be?

Response

An Expression of Interest (EOI) was released for service providers to install and manage fast charging stations on Council land. A key aspect of the EOI is that the operator must supply, install and operate free standing charging stations at no cost to Council. The EOI also asks respondents to provide details of the number of charging stations proposed and their preferred locations. If a suitable offering is found through this EOI process, and if Council are agreeable, Council officers would then develop and negotiate lease agreements for individual locations.

The costs to date have been \$614 in procurement costs.

If the process progresses to development of lease agreements, Council would incur legal costs. This includes engaging a legal consultant to develop and negotiate leases and maintenance agreements with the preferred provider and negotiation with the Victorian Government for any sites located on Crown Land.

Council's parking signage would need to be updated for each site. It is also possible that Council may be required to upgrade lighting at any sites where it is not currently sufficient. However, this cost will be considered during site selection and avoided if feasible.

Council officers are currently reviewing submissions to this Expression of Interest and will brief Councillors on this in due course and seek a formal decision of Council on next steps following this. As part of these next steps the potential costs of Council undertaking this action would be identified so that Councillors can make an informed decision on whether to progress or not.

**Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time and Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*