

**CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION**  
RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, Councillor Lynne Stagg, at her meeting held remotely on Thursday 28 January 2021 at 4pm.

**Present**

Councillor Lynne Stagg  
Councillor Simon Boshier  
Councillor Graham Heaney

1. **Apologies (AI 1)**  
No apologies were received.
2. **Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)**  
No interests were declared.
3. **Companion Pass - update. (AI 3)**  
Felicity Tidbury, Transport Planning Manager introduced the report.

In response to questions, Simon Bell, Principal Public Transport Officer and Gina Perryman, Access & Equality Advisor explained that:

Companion passes are normally renewed for three years but could be up to a maximum of five years. However, it is being proposed that the passes that are due to expire on 1 April this year will be automatically renewed for one year to take the pressure off the medical professionals who have to complete renewal forms for pass holders.

People who hold both a disabled person's pass and a companion pass can travel at any time of the day.

The Companion Pass scheme is now based on criteria rather than financial need and mirrors the schemes in most other local areas. It was felt that the new scheme reaches further than the previous one.

Fewer than ten respondents said they felt that they would not meet the criteria.

If a new application or renewal is not successful, the council would look into whether the applicant is receiving all the benefits to which they are entitled.

Health care professionals are required to confirm the information given by the applicant. It was suggested that in the future a template could be created to make the process simpler.

**DECISIONS**

**The Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation:**

1. **Noted the contents of this report.**
2. **Approved the revised changes to the eligibility criteria, following the 12 months pilot for the concessionary fares scheme companion pass.**

**4. Off-street electric vehicle charge point trial - End of trial review (AI 4)**

Hayley Chivers, Strategic Transport Lead introduced the report.

Councillor Scott Payter-Harris made a deputation in which he requested that the Licensing Policy Committee be consulted regarding the locations for electric vehicle infrastructure for taxi and private hire drivers.

Councillor Lynne Stagg agreed and explained that she had met with the taxi and private hire drivers and that the representatives from both taxi and private hire drivers attend the Transport Liaison Committee meetings. She added that they know that the council supports them in any way it can.

In response to questions from members, Daniel Hughes Acting Electric Vehicle Charging Project Manager explained that they are currently working on the feasibility study which will be brought to a future portfolio meeting to seek approval to undertake a procurement exercise based on the outcome. It is possible that work would start in 2022. He is meeting with his colleagues in the Air Quality team to understand the timetable for the charges.

Owners of private car parks have been contacted to discuss the possibility of having charge points installed.

The council is not aware of any abuse by non EV vehicles at the off street spaces at Isambard Brunel car park nor at the one near the Hover Travel. More feedback has been received regarding this in response to the on street trial. This has been referred to the Traffic Management Centre.

Councillor Stagg noted that she would like this up and running by November when the Clean Air Zone would be introduced if possible.

The Councillors agreed that it was hoped that charge points would be introduced throughout the city.

**DECISIONS**

**The Councillor for Traffic & Transportation:**

- 1. Noted the findings of the off-street electric vehicle charge point trial;**
- 2. Approved the trial electric vehicle charge points at Seafront Esplanade and Isambard Brunel Multi-storey car parks to remain in situ until such a time that the procurement exercise has been completed;**
- 3. Noted that a feasibility strategy is in development for understanding the requirements of off-street electric vehicle charging infrastructure for all council owned car parks. A decision paper on this will be brought to a future Traffic and Transportation meeting.**

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The meeting concluded at 4:40pm  
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Councillor Lynne Stagg  
Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation

