

Integrated Mobility Forum - Report

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** The aim of this report is to provide the Members of the Forum with the relevant background information regarding agenda items 8 and 9 in advance of the forum meeting.

2. Electric Vehicles – A Regional Perspective

- 2.1** In 2017, the Scottish Government set out a vision to phase out the sale of new diesel and petrol cars by 2032. To support Local Authorities in delivering the necessary electric vehicle infrastructure, SEStran has started working on an electric vehicle strategy for the South East of Scotland. Lessons will be taken from the Hitrans Electric Vehicle Strategy, which was published in 2018.¹ The aim of the Strategy is to develop a strategic approach to EV infrastructure and address the challenges for Local Authorities in relation to maintenance, operation costs, insurance and renewal of infrastructure.

- 2.2** In addition, the Electric Vehicle Strategy will seek to align with existing policy objectives, such as reducing congestion along with reducing CO2 emissions and improving air quality. In that sense, car sharing should be promoted, and strategic mobility hubs will need to be implemented.

- 2.3** The Electric Vehicle Strategy will be incorporated into the new SEStran Regional Transport Strategy.

3. Mobi-hubs (Mobility Hubs)

- 3.1** Many European cities share the common problem of an increasing number of cars consuming more and more of our urban space. Car sharing (also known as car clubs in the UK) has shown its potential to help organise mobility more efficiently, to regain street space, and to improve the quality of urban life.

- 3.2** The Municipality of Bremen has developed public mobility stations in Bremen, also known as mobil.punkt, which combine a car sharing station on public street space with the offer of public transport, easy cycling and pedestrian access as well as taxi stands. Smaller mobil.punkte in neighbourhoods bring the service closer to the users and help improve the driveability of neighbourhood streets for emergency and rubbish collection vehicles

- 3.3** At the forum some group discussion on a number of questions will be facilitated allowing the pros and cons of the concept to be debated in more detail.

¹ Hitrans Electric Vehicle Strategy (Urban Foresight, 2018), https://urbanforesight.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/HITRANS_ELECTRIC_VEHICLE_STRATEGY.pdf

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** Members of the Forum are requested to note the contents of the report and are invited to provide any input as requested.

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