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Planning

Public EV charging network 2026

West Sussex County Council

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Scope

Reference

I-76316

Description

West Sussex County Council (WSCC) is seeking to procure an Electric Vehicle Charging Network across the county of West Sussex.

Total value (estimated)

- £20,000,000 excluding VAT
- £24,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 August 2026 to 2 August 2041
- 15 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 51110000 - Installation services of electrical equipment
- 31158100 - Battery chargers

Contract locations

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex
- UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)
- UKJ28 - West Sussex (North East)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

12 November 2025

Engagement process description

West Sussex County Council (WSCC) is seeking to procure a Contract for the provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure.

The Council's strategic objective is for residents with no off-street parking to be within a short walk from a Chargepoint. We will focus on areas where residents cannot make the switch to EV without access to a public charging network, but we want to ensure a good geographical spread across the county.

The Concession Contract will be in the form of 3 (three) separate lots;

Lot 1: Standard Electric Vehicle Chargepoints Network

Lot 2: Fast Electric Vehicle Chargepoints Network

Lot 3: Rapid and Ultra Rapid Electric Vehicle Chargepoints Network .

The new contract is planned to commence on 3rd August 2026. Suppliers interested are invited to submitted responses to the following questions;

1. Technology Offering & Lot Preferences

- Can you provide all the technologies outlined in our proposed lots?
- Would you prefer to bid for this opportunity as a single lot or as separate lots divided by technology type?
- Do you have a preference or recommendation for how the lots should be structured?
- o Lot 1: Residential on-street charging (7kWh EVCPs)
- o Lot 2: Fast chargers for on-street & car park areas (22kWh EVCPs)
- o Lot 3: Rapid & Ultra Rapid chargers for on-street & car park areas (50kWh and above)

2. Installation numbers

Our Aim is to deliver the following number of EVCPs within the first 4 years of the contract - would these installation numbers be feasible ?

- o Lot 1 - Minimum 1900 dual sockets EVCPs

- o Lot 2 - Minimum 400 Fast Chargers
 - o Lot 3 - Minimum 100 Rapid Chargers * incl Ultra Rapid where appropriate.
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3. Site Portfolio Feasibility

- Based on our indicative site portfolio, do you consider the following distribution feasible with the proposed subsidy?
 - o On-street social housing sites / deprived areas with low EV uptake
 - o Residential on-street locations across urban & rural areas
 - o Shopping parades / town locations
 - o Council car parks / designated parking areas
 - o Disabled Parking bays - on-street and designated parking areas
 - What challenges or opportunities do you foresee in delivering across these site types?
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4. Private Investment Appetite

- What level of private investment would you consider appropriate or feasible for this opportunity?
 - Are there specific financial models or structures you would prefer (e.g., joint venture, concession, lease)?
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5. Revenue Share / Concession Fee Arrangement

- What are your views on a revenue share or concession fee model?
- Would a fixed annual fee (e.g., £50k for a Contract Manager) plus a small revenue share (e.g., 3%) be acceptable or preferable?
- Do you have alternative suggestions for structuring the financial arrangement?

6. Future-Proofing & Innovation

- How frequently do you upgrade your EVCP technology?
- What innovations do you foresee in the short to medium term (e.g., smart charging, V2G, AI-based load balancing)?
- Do you offer or plan to offer electricity generation or storage solutions as part of your EVCP infrastructure?

7. Accessibility & Standards

- How do your solutions comply with PAS 1899 (accessible EV charging)?
- What design features or services do you offer to ensure accessibility for all users?

8. Payment Options

- What payment methods do your EVCPs support (e.g., contactless, mobile apps, RFID)?
- Do you offer roaming or interoperability with other networks?

9. Deliverability & Programme Timelines

- What factors could impact your ability to meet these timelines?

10. Tariffs & Electricity Procurement

- Do you offer time-of-use tariffs or dynamic pricing?
 - How do you procure electricity-via wholesale markets, business rates, or other mechanisms?
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11. Barriers to Bidding

- Are there any specific barriers (technical, financial, regulatory, etc.) that might prevent you from bidding?
- What support or changes would make this opportunity more attractive to you?

Please provide your response via email to Sarah.beddoe@westsussex.gov.uk by 5pm on 12th November 2025.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 April 2026

Contracting authority

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