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### **Council's green drive with new electric cars**

The borough's Civil Enforcement Officers are the driving force behind cleaner and greener ways of working with the use of two new all-electric vehicles.

As part of its climate emergency response, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has replaced two of its fossil fuel powered vehicles with two electric vehicles, which are cheaper to run and better for the environment with zero emissions.

Officers use these vehicles to undertake parking patrols throughout the borough. Not only are EVs better for the environment and local air quality, they also cost less to run. The fuel cost of EVs is just four pence per mile in comparison with 12 pence per mile for petrol-fuelled vehicles.

The new EVs follow a decision last year by Cllr Hayley Eachus, the council's portfolio holder for climate change and air quality strategy, to improve the town centre car parks with an electric charging hub, the first of its kind in Hampshire.

Cabinet Member for Environment and Enforcement Cllr Eachus said: "The introduction of two all-electric vehicles for use by the parking team in the borough is a positive move which takes us a step closer to achieving our ambitious Climate Emergency target of a carbon neutral borough by 2030. The switch to zero emission vehicles will also help improve local air quality.

"Together with the new electric charging hub, they showcase the advantages of switching to electric vehicles and encourage the public to consider making the change with their own vehicles to reduce carbon emissions. This is also really positive in terms of improving local air quality."

Find out more about the electric vehicle charging hub at [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/vehicle-charging-point](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/vehicle-charging-point)

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