Beds, Essex and Herts Methodist District
Grants Policy for Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Points at Manses

1. Purpose

This policy document sets out the District's approach to providing grants toward the installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points at manses occupied by Presbyters and Deacons.

2. Policy Principles

The District Grants Committee encourages and supports the installation of EV charging points at manses. All installations must:

- Be safe and compliant with Methodist property guidance and relevant electrical standards.
- Be authorised through Methodist Consents.
- Ensure funding arrangements are transparent, fair, and compliant with HMRC rules.
- Remain the property of the Managing Trustees, not the Presbyter or Deacon.

3. Grants and Funding

3.1 District Grant

Policy Proposal: The District will offer a grant of up to 50% of installation costs, with the remaining costs funded by the External Grants and/or the Circuit.

Grant applications must:

- Cover installation costs only.
- Include contractor quotes and confirmation of compliance with Methodist property guidance.
- Be submitted before installation (no retrospective applications).
- Be recorded in Circuit accounts and reported to Managing Trustees.

3.2 External Grants

Although external funding is not part of this District policy, Circuits may apply for eligible schemes such as:

- Workplace Charging Scheme (WCS) – up to £350 per socket.
- Local authority environmental or community grants.
- Energy supplier incentives or discounts.

All external funding must:

- Be approved by Managing Trustees.
- Align with Methodist property rules.
- Avoid contractual obligations that conflict with Methodist governance.

3.3 Circuit Funding

Again, not part of this policy, but where grants do not cover full costs, Circuits may fund the remaining installation costs. Circuits must ensure:

- Funding decisions are minuted by the Circuit Meeting.
- The installation is treated as a Circuit asset.

4. Guidance for Tax and HMRC Compliance

This section does not form part of the District Grants Policy but is included for guidance to help avoid a potential Benefits in Kind liability for the manse occupants.

4.1 Installation Costs

- the EV charging point should be installed by and paid for by the Circuit as Circuit-funded installation at a manse is not normally a taxable benefit as the asset remains with the property.
- The charging point should be attached to the building and will remain in the ownership of the Circuit.

5. Review and Monitoring

- This policy will be reviewed every three years or sooner if HMRC guidance changes.
- Circuits are responsible for monitoring usage, costs, and compliance.
- Any issues relating to the installation of EV Charging Points must be reported to the Circuit Meeting and District Property Secretary.

Issue 1
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