

Council

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Written Questions

Question From: Councillor John Broad

Question To: Leader of the Council, Councillor Barry Wood

Topic: VAT Rate for public Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers

Question

As the campaign to increase the take up of EV's gathers pace, there is a matter that is causing a problem for those who use the public charging facilities regarding the incorrect way HMRC have set the VAT for payment at these units.

VAT is set at 5% for domestic electricity but, incorrectly at 20% for the public chargers. Can the leader write to the minister requesting he corrects the VAT set by HMRC according to the rules they should be working to please?

Response from the Leader

I would be happy to seek clarification on the rates of VAT applicable to public electric vehicle charging points and to establish if the government intends to review them in the context of both the important need to reduce carbon emissions and to maintain the wider public finances.