

The UK Electric Fleet Coalition

A pathway to 2030

The UK has shown leadership internationally with the announcement of the 2030 ICE phase-out and the planned ZEV Mandate. The seven recommendations in this plan will ensure the Government keeps momentum behind the EV transition.

Who are we?

The UK Electric Fleets Coalition (UKEFC) is a group of more than 25 of the UK's leading businesses, led by Climate Group in partnership with BT Group, LeasePlan, Openreach and Royal Mail. It is committed to zero emission fleets while advocating for ambition from policymakers to decarbonise road transport and accelerate the transition to a net zero economy.

Increasing supply of Electric Vehicles

- 1 Ensuring the planned **ZEV Mandate** is ambitious, simple and well-implemented will demonstrate to auto manufacturers that now is the time to increase supply to the UK market

Driving further demand

- 2 **Grant certainty** for vans remains essential. Reductions or restrictions on grant applications should be announced in advance and in consultation
- 3 There should be commitment to **maintain favourable Benefit in Kind (BIK) rates** for EVs up to and beyond 2025/26
- 4 Increasing electricity costs are undermining the financial case for EVs. **The Advisory Electricity Rates (AER) reimbursing electric company car mileage should be increased in line with increasing energy costs**

Charging Infrastructure

- 5 Greater government support is needed for the installation of multiple chargepoints/upgrades to grid connections. **A tendering process will help businesses in the near term to offset the cost of upgrading strategic grid connections**
- 6 Local Delivery of national ambition is crucial. **Local authority access to the Government's LEVI charging infrastructure fund should be extended from 2025 to 2028.** Furthermore, a statutory obligation will enable them to plan and deliver charging infrastructure.
- 7 Changes in planning rules, including introducing a **'right to plug'**, would allow EV drivers to request access to chargers in their locality.

Action is needed for

Climate

- Road transport remains the most significant source of carbon emissions in the UK
- Fleet vehicles are often parked. Using their batteries as storage will help solve the availability issues of renewables, support energy security while meeting the UK's Net Zero goals

Economy

- Investment in charging infrastructure, electricity distribution networks and British-based EV manufacturing will create good quality jobs and place the UK at the heart of the increasingly competitive global market for EVs

Businesses

- A clear pathway to 2030 will give businesses the confidence to invest in EVs at scale now
- Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) is better for corporate fleets because of higher mileage.

People

- As the entry point of half new vehicles onto UK roads, the vehicles business purchase today are the second hand vehicles of tomorrow.
- Empowering every driver in the energy transition, by transforming electric vehicles into an energy asset

Read our more detailed policy recommendations here:

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