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As the EV market matures, nobody should be left behind

The latest EV sales figures suggest that the uncertainty caused by the Middle East crisis may be encouraging more buyers to make the switch while also pointing to a rapidly maturing UK market.

There are still significant challenges, though, and one of the big ones is the cost of public charging for those who can't charge at home or at their workplace.

The Government has just published the terms of reference for the cost of EV public charging review, chaired by Philip New (former Chair of the Zemo-convened Electric Vehicle Energy Taskforce which set out some of the charging network fundamentals between 2018 and 2022). The review will examine the costs of charging electric cars and vans on the UK public chargepoint network, how charging costs have changed in recent years, and how they could evolve in the future without intervention. It will ultimately propose recommendations for reducing EV public charging costs.

While tax costs will be reflected within the report, the review will not make recommendations on tax policy changes, meaning that equalisation of VAT applied at home and public chargepoints, a change called for by Zemo and many other organisations, is unlikely to feature amongst its recommendations. The review will, however, look at the costs...

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