



**Meeting report
7 September
LEV Taskforce**

Three members of the IEVOA committee meeting attended the first meeting of the Low Emissions Vehicle Taskforce (LEVT).

The LEVT is a joint Government task force comprising members of the DCCAIE and DTTAS, jointly chaired by Kevin Brady of DCCAIE and Louise Carey of DTTAS . Also present were representatives from the SEAI, Ecars , SIMI, Dept of Finance and the CER

The LEVT started the meeting by outlining the Governments strategic plan for the decarbonisation of the private car sector, noting that various targets for electric vehicles had not been met.

The Society of the Irish motor Industry then [presented their views on the conversion of the private car fleet to alternative low emissions energy vehicles noting that it would take 32 years to replace the existing national fleet of cars.

The discussion then moved to considering the range of incentives that might be considered in order to boost the uptake of battery electric vehicles, with the attendees breaking into groups to consider a range of incentives

The summary of that work was presented and could be summarised as follows

Purchase incentives, VRT and VAT relief
Incentives around the installation of a home charger
Motor Tax reduction
Zero motorway tolls
Reduction in the BIK on electric company cars

Disincentives were also considered , ie raising the tax on diesel , congestion charges and changes to motor tax regime. It was generally felt that it was not opportune to impose additional costs on motorists until the variety and range of BEVs was increased

the LEVT stated they intended to use the feedback to draw up a budget submission for their respective departments

the meeting concluded with an undertaking that at least one more LEV stakeholder day would be held in 2017

