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## ***World Electric Vehicle Association Selects City of Dundee For E-Visionary Award***

**Kobe, Japan** – On 3 October at the 31st Annual Electric Vehicle Symposium and Exhibition (EVS31), in Kobe, Japan, Dundee was awarded this year’s International “E-Visionary” award from the World Electric Vehicle Association.

The Dundee City Council, which operates the highest amount of electric vehicles (87) than any other local authority in the whole of the UK, won out over the other nominated cities due to its dedication to sustainable transportation.

The E-Visionary Award is presented by the World Electric Vehicle Association (WEVA) to cities and regions across the globe for initiatives to promote electric vehicles as a sustainable mode of transportation, and for making electric mobility a reality for the citizens of their region.



Dr David Beeton, CEO of Urban Foresight, the Dundee-based business that has helped to make the city an electric vehicle hotspot collected the award.

He said: “It’s great to get global recognition for the leadership and ambition demonstrated in Dundee on electric vehicles.

“The city is truly buzzing at the moment and hopefully this award will help Scotland to accelerate towards a future free from fossil fuels.”

Dundee boasts one of the most concentrated network of EV charging and hosts Scotland’s first rapid charger. They influenced local business through their electric vehicle ‘campaign’ - Drive Dundee Electric – resulted in the number of electric vehicles in Dundee City increasing by 33% from last year.

The City has also provided additional incentives such as free parking for EV owners, saving them £1000 a year in parking permits, and helping reduce noise and air pollution for surrounding residents. They are also keeping all charging from Dundee Council charge points free to help increase savings to EV users in the city.

Espen Hauge, President of AVERE, said while presenting the award, “[Dundee’s] efforts and achievements within e-mobility are numerous, and I must commend the level of positive enthusiasm that this particular city has shown. We hope that you continue to share your experiences with the same enthusiasm.”

Key to their success has been maintaining fantastic relationships with the neighbouring local authorities - offering advice and support to expand charging infrastructure to make EV journeys seamless and creating a local charging infrastructure without boundaries.

Alister Hamilton, Director of the Electric Vehicle Association Scotland who nominated the city for the award said: "We are delighted that Dundee has been named as Europe's most visionary electric vehicle city.

“This is fantastic recognition of Dundee's commitment to putting in place infrastructure to support EV use and we're proud to have nominated the city, resulting in such a prestigious title coming to Scotland.



Dundee's dedication to sustainable transport initially stems back to 2011 when they implemented an action plan which allowed them to secure funding from the Scottish Government to install 4 chargers and power a fleet of 4 EVs. Now the city also plans to implement a Low Emission Zone by 2019.

### **About the Electric Vehicle Symposium (EVS)**

The Electric Vehicles Symposium (EVS) series began in 1969 as an academic forum for global networking and the exchange of technical information. Today, the EVS series is recognized as the global electric transportation industry's premier and largest forum, showcasing all forms of technologies in the market place and on the drawing boards. The event alternates annually between North America, Europe and Asia.

### **About AVERE**

The European Association for Electromobility (AVERE) – founded in 1978 – is a European network of members including Users, NGO's, Associations, Interest groups, Public Institutions, Research & Development entities, Vehicle and Equipment Manufacturers and other relevant Companies. AVERE's electromobility vision for Europe contains a strong electromobility industry, clean, quiet and healthy cities, energy efficient transport and independence of fossil fuels.