

Edinburgh firm introduces new electric car scheme for its staff

Property and construction company, Thomas & Adamson (T&A) shows it is committed to net zero targets by introducing a staff benefits scheme that will give employees the opportunity to run a new electric vehicle (EV).

The firm says that T&A salary sacrifice scheme is set to save 2.4 tonnes of carbon each year for every employee that switches from a combustion engine to a new zero emissions electric vehicle. It also promises to cut monthly fuel and maintenance costs, saving staff around £100 per month in fuel.

By 2035, the UK Government has pledged all new car sales will be fully electric.

With this new scheme, T&A hopes to help the UK-wide mission to hit net zero targets. Of the 39.2 million vehicles on UK roads, approximately 300,000 of these are electric and of these, 60% have been provided through a workplace scheme. With the UK and Scottish governments having pledged to reach a net zero carbon emissions target by 2050 and 2045 respectively, the introduction of employer lead EV schemes will play a critical role in the support of these aims.

Alastair Wallace, Senior Partner at Thomas & Adamson, said:

“This salary sacrifice scheme is a great addition to our staff benefits package and also the latest step in our drive towards net zero, reducing our carbon costs as a company and promoting sustainable ways of working that won’t cost the earth. It’s an exciting scheme that demonstrates just one of the many ways we are playing our part in the fight against climate change.

“Our offices have been designed with energy efficient facilities; but our buildings are just one part of the picture. Over the past few years, Thomas & Adamson has adopted a number of measures, including removal of single use/plastic materials from offices; PIR lighting; smart heating and air conditioning; significantly reduced travel and fully adopted virtual meetings where possible; gone paperless; introduced shower facilities to encourage staff to cycle to work; and encouraged flexible working, reducing the amount of travel by all staff.

“With these practices in place, we are leading by example for our clients, and we have a creative, collaborative team, motivated to do their best. It’s the best of both worlds.”

The T&A electric vehicle scheme was launched with a showcase event which saw three new electric cars parked up at Lister Square outside T&A’s Edinburgh offices with test drives on offer and one-to-one sessions with ambassadors from scheme partners, Pike + Bambridge.

For further information on Thomas & Adamson’s workplace sustainability commitments, and project and events updates, please visit: www.thomasandadamson.com