

STREET LIGHTING

Budget Savings £265k

This option would stop night time inspections (scouting) of lighting and where it is safe to do so, switch off lighting.

Some investment in equipment changes will be required to achieve a reduction in the energy charges and is offset against savings in energy purchased.

Reduce lighting and illuminated maintenance activity for repairs, alterations and maintenance, together with discontinuing painting of columns and non-essential vandalism repairs.

RATIONALE FOR SAVINGS

The switching off of street lights will reduce the energy consumed reducing costs and the carbon emissions produced in the generation of electricity.

Stopping night time inspections eliminates the expenditure on the allowances and expenses incurred with this service.

IMPACT

A reduction in the service provided will result in less maintenance and a slower response to maintenance needs.

There may be increased customer dissatisfaction with the Council, and an increase in claims against the Council for slips, trips and falls.

A reduction in maintenance of the equipment will contribute to the increasing deterioration of the highways infrastructure, which in turn may lead to proportionately more expensive maintenance at a later date.

There is the risk of a greater number of errors or omissions in the reported data, received from the public reporting faults with street lighting.

The maintenance of all aspects of the highway infrastructure is a statutory duty imposed on the Council as Highway Authority.

A reduction in street lightning may result in an increase in night-time road traffic collisions.

Reduced street lighting and street lighting maintenance may result in actual or perceive community safety concerns in respect of night-time anti-social behaviour or crime.

MITIGATION

Discontinuation of the night-time scouting service will result in the public being expected to report lights not working, and this would likely result in a greater number of enquiries to Streetscene.