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COUNCIL

# Street Lighting Working Group

11 September 2018  
Studio 4 – 12:05 to 12:46

Working Group Members present: Councillors Exton, Baxter, Griffin, Brian Sumner,  
Trollope-Bellew  
Cabinet Member Councillor Dr Peter Moseley

Officers: Paul Stokes  
Carolyn Baker  
Susie McCahon  
Lucy Bonshor

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The item had not been sent back to the Committee for unspecified reasons.

Policy had been accepted in principal but reference to lamps in conservation areas was needed, Belton and Folkingham were referenced at the Cabinet meeting.

Financial information was the stumbling block – more information was needed on financial deliverables, the financial comments contained in the Cabinet report contradicted what had been written in the body of the report. The comments indicated that any savings made would be required to go into capital funding rather than being reinvested.

The report did not confirm that the replacement of lamps to LED's was deliverable – a deliverable schedule was required.

Previous workshop had agreed that existing budget was maintained during relamping with LED's however this was not evidenced in the report.

Briefing paper circulated and associated figures simplistic in design – it was to give an indication of potential investment if specific numbers of replacement lamps were done. It was for Members to debate whether to put in for a one year capital bid or replace over a 10 year period using existing budgets.

Initial workshops had agreed to use existing budget and use left over budget to invest in LEDs. If Committee recommends a Capital Investment, a Capital Bid would need to be included in the next budget 2019/20. Ideally it would be preferable to replace lamps using the existing budget and roll out the LED's.

Questions were asked about both the columns and lamps in conservation areas. If an ornate column was wanted by a Parish Council in a conservation area then it was the responsibility of that Parish Council to buy the column. If the lamps needed replacing (and it was a light that the District Council was responsible for) then the Council would replace as required. It was noted that the Council was aware that there were a few columns with lamps that could not be replaced by standard LED's. The report needed to cover all areas that the Council covered and the implications including within conservation areas.

Members were still minded to use the underspend from the electricity and maintenance budgets to kick start the replacement programme.

A discussion over the possible period of the lamp replacement programme was debated and what the financial implications were depending upon the timeframes used. Cllr Dr Moseley again said if the Committee wished to have a capital investment that needed to be known sooner rather than later.

Cllr Baxter had put together a spreadsheet on the financial implications over different timeframes which he had shared with certain people including the Chairman. He indicated that he was happy to share it with officers.

Cllr Dr Moseley said that information contained within the next Cabinet report should be in an easy to read format and include the number of lamps, savings, investments any external factors.

Members felt that a further workshop should be held before the next meeting with all the necessary figures and timeframes included. Cllr Baxter referred to Salix which had been included originally but the timeframes had not been applicable, however if a longer period was now on the table could this again be included to which Members agreed.

A further workshop to be arranged in October.