

REPORT TO CABINET

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REPORT NO. AFM7

DATE: 21 NOVEMBER 2005

TITLE:	REVIEW OF FOOTWAY LIGHTING THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT
FORWARD PLAN ITEM:	No
DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:	N/A
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	Key Decision

COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Councillor Peter Martin-Mayhew Community Safety Portfolio
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	-
CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:	No Negative Implications
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	None
BACKGROUND PAPERS:	None

1. INTRODUCTION

Current broad demarcation of responsibility for maintaining street lights throughout the district is as follows:-

Highway Lighting (ie adopted trunk roads etc) - County Council
Footway Lighting (unadopted roads and villages) - District Council

The District Council currently maintains some 3,680 lights scattered throughout the district. This figure can be varied, either, following requests for additions from Parish Councils (these being funded on a 50/50 basis with the Parish Council) or the transfer of others to the County Council through road improvements/new road junctions (adoptions) etc.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- i) That discussions are continued with Lincolnshire County Council regarding their taking over full responsibility for dealing with all lighting throughout the district until such time that a detailed costing is received enabling full cost comparison to measure the financial viability.
- ii) That, until such time that all information is available to allow this cost comparison, installation of new lights (funded on a 50/50 basis with contribution from Parish Councils) is suspended.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

For the year 2005/2006 the following are relevant budget heads:-

1) Installation of new lights - non HRA (50/50 contribution from Parish Council totalling £30,000)	£15,000
2) Maintenance of existing lights - non HRA	£60,000
3) Vandalised lights, including road traffic accidents etc - all lights including HRA	£8,000
4) Maintenance to SKDC Housing Estate lights - HRA	£5,000
5) Energy provision to all lights including HRA	<u>£65,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>£153,000</u>

Discussions with some of our neighbouring District Councils have generally indicated that they manage their footway lighting in the same way as ourselves, however, West Lindsey District Council have utilised the County Council for 5-6 years where they are charged on a schedule of rates basis plus an administration charge and are invoiced annually.

Talks have been held with Lincolnshire County Council aimed at researching and validating any benefits which may be derived from them taking over full responsibility for dealing with all lighting throughout the district.

4. CONCLUSIONS

That Cabinet supports the recommendations made prior to a further report being made upon completion of the review.

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