

Record of Decisions

Street Lighting Infrastructure Action Plan

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 21 September 2021.

Decision

That the Street Lighting Action Plan as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report be noted and the Director of Place to work with the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture to continue to pursue future funding opportunities to improve the street lighting infrastructure across Torbay.

Reason for the Decision

The reasons for this decision are to ensure that the decision set out in ii) (Minute 217/06/21 refers) below is fulfilled:

- i) The contents of the report be noted and future updates requested to monitor progress;
- ii) The Director of Place work with Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture to continue to pursue future funding opportunities to improve the street lighting infrastructure and the Director of Place to come back in September with a clear action plan to tackle any significant backlogs of works that need factoring into our future capital plans.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Monday, 4 October 2021 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

At a meeting of the Cabinet on 23 March 2021 it was agreed that 'In light of the issues arising from the murder of Sarah Everard, the Cabinet wanted to take the opportunity to review community safety within Torbay'. The Cabinet noted the report that was circulated prior to the meeting and requested that a further report be presented to Cabinet post the Community Safety Partnership meeting on 29 April 2021, with a clear action plan as to how the Council and the Community Safety Partnership will be progressing matters.

At the meeting of the Cabinet on 15th June 2021 the following actions were agreed:

- i) The contents of the report be noted and future updates requested to monitor progress;
- ii) The Director of Place work with Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture to continue to pursue future funding opportunities to improve the street lighting infrastructure and the Director of Place to come back in September with a clear action plan to tackle any significant backlogs of works that need factoring into our future capital plans

The circulated report had therefore been produced to advise the Cabinet of the current position with respect to street lighting in Torbay.

At the meeting Councillor Morey proposed and Councillor Steve Darling seconded a motion that was unanimously agreed by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

The levels of Structural Maintenance Capital funding invested in lighting column replacements had been increased over recent years. However, this had not been sufficient to provide a significant improvement to the overall asset condition, and also further limited any available capital funding to invest in carriageway reconstruction and resurfacing works. It was therefore recommended that additional funding sources were considered for investment into column replacement.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet