

Title of meeting:	Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation Decision Meeting
Date of meeting:	7th September 2017
Subject:	Street Lighting Vision and Strategy
Report by:	Alan Cufley, Director of Transport, Environment and Business Support
Wards affected:	All
Key decision:	No
Full Council decision:	No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline the amendments to the draft street lighting vision and strategy following the eight week public consultation, and present the final version of the street lighting vision and strategy for adoption.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation notes the results of the public consultation.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation adopts the Street Lighting Vision 2017 (Appendix B) and the Street Lighting Strategy 2017 (Appendix C).

3. Background

- 3.1 Street lighting illuminates all types of highway and public access, assisting road safety and ease of movement for all users in the hours of darkness. Improved visibility will reduce the likelihood of traffic collisions therefore improving road safety. Appropriate levels of street lighting can also reduce crime and fear of crime and contribute towards enhanced street environment and good quality of place, encouraging walking, cycling and public transport use.
- 3.2 Lighting equipment should be appropriate for the lighting needs of each area. The main consideration is the ability of the lighting to illuminate the area in the most effective manner.
- 3.3 Street Lighting in Portsmouth has three tiers:
 - An overarching vision document which sets the overall direction and aims of Street Lighting within Portsmouth

- A strategy document which provides a high level overview of Portsmouth's approach to Street Lighting.
 - The 25-year (2005-2030) Highways Maintenance Private Finance Initiative Contract (PFI Contract) with Ensign Highways Ltd which includes the design, installation, operation and maintenance of all existing and new street lighting assets.
- 3.4 The Street Lighting Vision and Strategy for Portsmouth identify how street lighting can be more effective and efficient in the future.
- 3.5 At the Traffic and Transportation decision meeting on 25 May 2017 an eight week consultation was approved on the draft street lighting vision and strategy. This consultation ran from 12 June to 6 August 2017.
- 3.6 The consultation was run as an online survey which was available on the council website and emailed to key stakeholders and the City Council's resident focus group.

4. Summary of Responses

- 4.1 A total of 84 responses to the online survey and five separate responses were received by email. The content of these responses are included at Appendix A.
- 4.2 Overall there was strong support for the street lighting vision and street lighting strategy;
- 94% agreed or strongly agreed with the vision
 - 94% agreed or strongly agreed with the aims
 - 96% agreed or strongly agreed with the objectives
 - 93% agreed or strongly agreed that LED and CMS would achieve the aims of the strategy
- 4.3 Respondents were asked to identify potential barriers to the implementation of the strategy. The most common barrier identified was categorised as lack of short term funding. However the budget for the upgrade to LED and introduction of a CMS system was approved at Full Council on 11th July 2017.
- 4.4 One proposed amendment has been made to the draft vision following the consultation. The word *transport* is to be replaced with *day-to-day activities*. The new vision reads from;
- "A modern network of efficient and effective street lighting which enables safe day-to-day activities for residents, commuters and visitors whilst ensuring minimal environmental impact, that provides value for money and an enhanced street environment; that contributes to the council's ambitions and reinforces the 'great waterfront city' message."*
- 4.5 Along with the amended vision, one additional amendment to the strategy is proposed to include reference to not directly illuminating important bat foraging corridors. Page 9, second bullet under the Do not section will now read;

“Directly illuminate bat roosts or important areas for nesting birds and fragment important bat foraging corridors”.

5. Reasons for recommendations

- 5.1 The consultation has demonstrated significant support for the draft street lighting vision and strategy.
- 5.2 To ensure improved, effective and efficient street lighting both a vision and strategy need to be in place.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 A full equality impact assessment was completed prior to consultation and has subsequently been updated.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 The primary responsibility for Street Lighting lies with the Highway Authority Specifically, section 97 and 98 of the Highways Act 1980. The Highway Authorities may agree with a lighting authority for delegation to the lighting authority of any function of the Highway Authority with respect to the lighting of any highway. This function has been delegated out to Ensign Highways Limited ("Ensign") by way of the PFI Contract. The Council retains the right for approval over Ensign for the any works to be executed or expenditure incurred in the discharge of this delegated function.
- 7.2 As such, the Project delivery must be commissioned and carried out within the remit of the PFI Contract including obtaining all relevant funders consent to any proposed variations to the PFI Contract so that the Council can realise the financial benefit of the Project.

8. Director of Finance's comments

- 8.1 Recent consultation has been undertaken in respect of the proposed adoption of PCC's Street Lighting Vision and its Street Lighting Strategy. This activity was all undertaken using existing resource and cash limited budgets. The report recommends that the results of the consultation are noted. There are no financial implications of approving this recommendation.
- 8.2 The report also recommends that the Street Lighting Vision 2017 (appendix B) and the Street Lighting Strategy 2017 (appendix C) are adopted. These set out the aims and the Vision of PCC in respect of street lighting. The adoption of these two documents does not result in any direct financial implications for PCC.
- 8.3 However, if as a result of the three aims that underpin the Street Lighting Strategy there is a need for either revenue or capital funding, then funding will need to be identified to meet these aims.

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Signed by:
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Appendices:

Appendix A - Draft Street Lighting Vision and Strategy 2017 Consultation Analysis Report
Appendix B - Street Lighting Vision
Appendix C - Street Lighting Strategy

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

LED replacement programme report to Full Council July 2017	http://democracy.portsmouth.gov.uk/documents/s15472/LED%20Replacement%20Lighting.pdf
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The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected
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Signed by:
Councillor Simon Bosher
Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation