
**Decision Session - Executive Member for
Transport and Planning**

12 July 2018

Report of the Corporate Director of the Economy and Place

Street Lighting Policy Update

Summary

1. Following an officer review the Street Lighting Policy which was adopted by Cabinet (Autumn 2014) it is proposed to update the policy to reflect the changes identified in the review.
2. The key changes are
 - To strengthen the policy about sensitive areas of the city and differentiate between the historic core and conservation areas.
 - To improve the policy with regards to managing the risk between trees and lamp columns.
3. The review highlighted that the Street Lighting Policy and the Streetscape Strategy and Guidance do not give consistent advice and therefore the Streetscape Strategy and Guidance needs to be confirmed as guidance.

Recommendations

4. That the Executive Member approves the redrafted Street Lighting Policy and confirms that officers should treat the Streetscape Strategy and Guidance as guidance. A review of the Streetscape Guidance to take place.

Reason: To ensure a proportionate and consistent approach to the management of street lighting across the city.

Background

5. A review of the Street Lighting Policy has taken place that identified a number of areas where the report could be strengthened. A copy of the new document is attached at Annex A.
6. The previous policy did not differentiate between the historic core conservation area and other conservation areas. The redrafted policy clarifies that the Council will be flexible with light levels and equipment within the historic core. Outside the historic core we will aim for standardised light levels and column heights with new columns on the back of the footway. Within conservation areas we will install embellishment kits if that improves the match with adjacent lights.
7. The practice of placing columns to the back of the footway has highlighted issues where this creates a conflict with street trees. The policy has been changed to reflect that when we replace lamp columns we will put them to the back of the footway, but we will not do this if there is a public or private tree that will place the lamp head in the crown. In these instances we will keep the column at the front of the footway.
8. The review also identified that the Street Lighting Policy and the Council's Streetscape Strategy and Guidance are not complimentary. The Streetscape Strategy and Guidance document is a useful guide for officers in respecting and maintaining the character and quality of the City. However, it can only be guidance given that it is unbudgeted and in some regards cuts across our legal obligations in respect of procurement. For this reason confirmation is sought that it should be treated as advisory guidance only for officers. A review and refresh is proposed of the document.

Council Plan

9. The potential implications for the priorities in the Council Plan are:

A council that listens to residents: The review was originally initiated by local residents to ensure a proportionate and consistent approach to the management of street lighting across the city. The review demonstrates that CYC is a council that listens to its residents and considers their requests for local change.

Implications

10. The following are the only identified implications.

- **Financial** – There are no Finance Implications
- **Human Resources (HR)** - There are no HR implications
- **Equalities** - There are no equalities implications
- **Legal** – There are no legal implications.
- **Crime and Disorder** - There are no Crime and Disorder implications
- **Information Technology (IT)** - There are no IT implications
- **Property** - There are no property implications as all works are taking place within public highway boundaries.

Risk Management

11. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy there are no risks associated with the recommendations in this report.

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Wards affected:

All Wards

Background Papers:

None

Annexes:

Annex A - City of York Council Street Lighting Policy