

**Cabinet Response to Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations  
Completed Action Plan**

**Street Lighting: Part Night Switch Off**

In accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Cabinet is required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee within 2 months. In providing this response Cabinet is asked to state whether or not it accepts each recommendation and the reasons for this decision. Cabinet must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take.

<b>Overview and Scrutiny Recommendation</b>	<b>Officer Commentary</b>	<b>Cabinet Decision (Accept or reject)</b>	<b>Action to be taken (if any) and timescale for completion</b>
<p><b>Recommendation 1:</b> That Cabinet considers implementing a trial of Part Night Switch Off between midnight and 5.30am in the non-residential areas listed in the scheme attached at Appendix Two and that this is facilitated through extending the Mayflower Central Management System to these areas.</p>	<p><u>This recommendation is supported.</u></p> <p>Once fully implemented the scheme will generate annual revenue savings of £130,000 based on a 10p kwh electricity cost and save 702 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> annually.</p> <p>SSEC have stated the cost of purchasing and installing 3,200 Mayflower units will be circa £204,000. Officers recommend that this cost is funded from the Street Lighting PFI reserve.</p> <p>Use of the PFI reserve will result in a loss of interest at 5% on the balance used. The Reserve needs to have sufficient funds</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Following Cabinet Approval, Officers will instruct SSEC to order the 3,200 Mayflower units and work with SSEC to devise an appropriate implementation and installation plan.</p>

	<p>available to cover the end of the PFI Contract liabilities in 2029. On current forecasts officers believe the Reserve could be reduced by £204,000 without the need for this sum to be replenished in the medium term. Forecasts can change overtime and it may become necessary for the Council to top up the Reserve by some or all of the amount taken at some point between now and 2029.</p> <p>Implementing the scheme using the Mayflower Central Management System enables the Council to have total flexibility over the on /off settings for the individual Street Lights included in the scheme and therefore to respond to events and residents wishes. Northumbria Police would not support the scheme if it did not have central management.</p>		
<p><b>Recommendation 2:</b> That Cabinet ask the Senior Manager of Commercial Partnerships to seek feedback from residents and local businesses once the part night switch off trial has been in operation for three months.</p>	<p><u>This recommendation is supported</u></p> <p>Public Consultation around Street Lighting policy was conducted in October 2012 and January / February 2013. This indicated the majority of residents were happy for the Council to implement appropriate dimming and part night switch off schemes.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>The Senior Manager Commercial Partnerships to arrange for feedback from local residents and businesses to be sought after the trial has been in operation for 3 months.</p>

	<p>Northumbria Police have been consulted and are broadly supportive of the scheme.</p> <p>A part night switch off trial between midnight and 5.30am has been running on 46 street lighting columns on a section of the A189 dual carriageway since May 2012. There have been no road traffic accidents as a result of this trial. There have been no residents' complaints as a result of this trial. One member of the public did correspond with the Council about the trial. He was in favour of the part night switch off and recommended the Council extended the hours of the trial to run from 10pm until 5.30am as in his opinion there is no traffic on the road after 10pm.</p> <p>As the 3,200 columns are situated in non residential areas the Overview and Scrutiny Environment and Culture Subcommittee Study Group recommend that the trial is implemented without further public consultation and that views are sought once the scheme has been in operation for 3 months.</p>		
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