

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting13th March 2014

1. Title of Item/Report

Street Lighting - Invest to Save Update

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that gave an update on Street Lighting Invest to Save.

The Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) reflected a significant reduction in Government Funding over recent years, and provided the Council with a significant financial challenge. In order to tackle this challenge there were three big ticket items to consider where reductions can be made, one of which was Waste and Energy. As part of this process in October 2013 Cabinet approved the principle of invest to save in the Councils street lighting stock by way of the option which replaced all existing lanterns with Light Emitting Diodes (LED) and replacement of all columns over 25 years old.

In addition this project would assist in contributing towards one of the key ambitions in the Environment and Housing theme of tackling climate change and assisting the Council in reaching the commitment to achieve a 21% reduction in carbon emissions by 2020. LED lighting contained no toxic materials and was 100% recyclable, and could potentially assist in reducing the carbon footprint by up to one third. Also the long operational life time span means LED can save material thus helping towards a 'greener' future.

A pragmatic assessment demonstrated that the age of the existing columns within each Ward should be the primary factor in formulating the work programme, in particular those with the greatest percentage over 40 years old. This would ensure the Wards with the oldest and most rapidly deteriorating columns being targeted for both column and lantern replacement first. A detailed list of the programme was attached to the report.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The outcome of the independent due diligence appraisal report

undertaken, which supports the investment strategy to ascertain both the energy and maintenance savings be noted.

2. The work programme which sets out on a ward by ward basis how the project will be delivered over the three year installation phase be approved.

3. The procurement processes being undertaken in respect of the lanterns, columns and design facility be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To enable the procurement process to continue and design work to commence on those wards highlighted at the front end of the associated work programme.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 21st March 2014

Proper Officer
17 March 2014