

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting14th December 2017

1. Title of Item/Report

Street Lighting - Invest to Save Replacement Programme Close Out Report

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on Street Lighting - Invest to Save Replacement Programme Close Out.

The report provided Cabinet with an update on the completion and close out of the whole scale replacement of street lighting lanterns with LEDs.

The project had seen significant improvements and investment in lighting across every ward in the Borough. As well as the physical works to replace the lanterns and a significant number of older columns the scale of engagement with residents right across the Borough had not only touched nearly every household but had generated an incredibly positive feedback with over 75% of residents satisfied with the new lighting scheme.

Just prior to Cabinet considering the report the national highways and transport survey headline results were published which was reporting Stockton-on-Tees residents as having the highest satisfaction with street lighting in the country. This was clearly a very positive indicator for the impact of the scheme and an additional accolade to the hard financial and carbon savings identified in the report.

The principle of the scheme was set in the context of a continued reduction in Local Government Funding which had provided the Council with a significant financial challenge. To manage this the Council introduced three big ticket savings items of which one was Energy and Waste. Incorporated in to this area was to reduce the energy and maintenance costs associated with the Borough's street lighting stock.

The Street Lighting Replacement Project commenced in 2014 and was due to conclude in December 2017. During this time the Council would have spent approximately £14m updating 9,100 of its oldest street lighting columns and converting 28,000 street light lanterns to

super-efficient, low maintenance LED's. On completion of this project the Council would:-

- Have achieved overall savings of £1.8M which were a combination of reductions in maintenance and energy costs.
- Have reduced its carbon emissions by 3140 tonnes per annum (45.6%).
- Have a street lighting system that met current British Standards giving a safer environment to its residents and road users.
- Have invested approximately £4M in Stockton based business's boosting the economy & securing employment.
- Have a complete & accurate inventory of its street lighting stock.
- Be one of the first Local Authorities in the Country to have a fully LED street lighting system.
- Have achieved residential satisfaction, with 75% preferring the new LED street lighting

Members received an addendum to the report that highlighted that the Council takes part in the annual National Highways & Transport survey. The survey collected public perspectives on, and satisfaction with, Highways and Transport Services in Local Authority areas across the Country. A record number of Highway Authorities (112) participated in the survey in 2017 and Stockton Borough Councils' Highways and Transport services received the overall highest public satisfaction rating across the country. Stockton was also rated top in road safety locally, provision of street lighting, community transport fares and provision of safe crossing points. The report provided further details of the recently published results from the 2017 survey.

RESOLVED that:

1. The report be noted.
2. It be noted that Stockton-on-Tees is the highest ranking Council area in the country for resident satisfaction with street lighting (national highways and transport survey 2017).

3. Reasons for the Decision

The purpose of this report is to update the Cabinet on the outcomes of this project as it nears its completion.

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, 22 December 2017

Proper Officer
18 December 2017