

Salisbury Area Board

29th September 2022

Subject: **Street lighting in Salisbury**

Purpose of Report

1. To provide a response to a report prepared by the Salisbury Women's Safety Initiative (SWSI) following a night time audit in relation to street lighting provision in the city.

Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. Strong Communities - We want people in Wiltshire to be encouraged to take responsibility for their well-being, build positive relationships and to get involved, influence and take action on what is best for their own communities – we want residents to succeed to the best of their abilities and feel safe where they live and work Addressing issues raised by members of the local community will contribute towards the building of a stronger community.
3. Working with Partners as an innovative and effective Council – (community involvement, delivering together).

Background

4. In June 2022 a report by SWSI was presented to the Salisbury Area Board setting out the results of a night time audit of street lighting in the city. A copy of the SWSI report can be found at Appendix A.

Main Considerations for the Area Board

5. There is no duty on the Council to provide street lighting, but the safety and other benefits for the local communities are appreciated, and Council's have traditionally provided street lighting.
6. Rollout of LED lighting – The Council is in the final stages of a three year programme to replace all existing highway street lighting with LED units. Overall countywide in excess of 45,000 new LED lanterns will be installed. In Salisbury LED install is underway with completion due by December 2022.
7. CMS system / fault reporting / repair – The majority of Wiltshire Highways street lighting assets use a management system (CMS) for automatic fault reporting and to enable remote operational changes. There are however some assets, such as underpasses, that are not on the CMS system and rely on visual inspection. Fault reporting by the public is via the MyWilts App. During 2022 repair activities have been slower than in previous years due to

nationwide material shortages generally and resource shortages in the Council's contractors.

8. Responsibilities for lighting – A number of organisations are responsible for street lighting assets in Salisbury. These are;

Wiltshire Council Highways – lighting on the public highway

Wiltshire Council Strategic Property Services – Council owned land not recorded as public highway

National Highways – associated with the A36 Trunk Road

Salisbury City Council

Privately owned (for example Waitrose carpark, railway station)

9. Provision of new street lighting – The provision of new street lighting assets on the public highway has to be requested through the Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) process. The provision of new street lighting on non highway Council owned land may be possible through the LHFIG process or direct through the Strategic Property Services team. Each location would be subject to individual assessment.
10. Feedback on the suggestions made in the SWSI report and an update on the reported faults are set out in Appendix B

Recommendations

11. That the contents of the report and Appendix B are noted.
12. To note the actions being taken to address the non working highway lighting assets
13. That a copy of Appendix B be shared with the Council's Strategic Property Services team with a request that they take action to address their non working lighting assets.
14. That the suggestions for additional lighting on the public highway be raised by the SWSI with the LHFIG.
15. That suggestions for additional lighting in other areas be raised with the appropriate land owner and / or responsible body by the SWSI.