

Wiltshire Council

ITEM 10

Warminster Area Board

11 November 2010

Part Night Lighting

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To consider a proposal from Codford Parish Council under the part night lighting scheme.

2. Background

- 2.1. Area boards have been allocated £5,000 each to implement local pilot projects aimed at reducing unnecessary street lighting.
- 2.2. Although 2011/12 funding cannot be guaranteed, it is hoped that more schemes will be considered after the pilot phase.
- 2.3. The project will enable parish councils to identify street lighting columns that they would like to be turned off between midnight and 6am.
- 2.4. Parish councils have been asked to consider the possible impact of reducing street lighting upon levels of crime and disorder. They also have to consider vulnerable residents and locations with a history of accidents.
- 2.5. Specific project costs will be identified as part of the technical assessment, however, as a guide, the area board should consider a cost of £50 per lighting column.
- 2.6. All town and parish councils were asked if they would like to take part in the scheme.
- 2.7. Heytesbury and Codford parish councils have developed projects in their areas.
- 2.8. Codford parish council has completed an audit of street lights and local consultation and has submitted a proposal to Wiltshire council. This submission forms the basis for this report (see appendix 1).
- 2.9. Heytesbury parish council have almost finished their consultation and plan to submit a proposal at the 13 January area board.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. The submission from Codford involves switching off a total of 38 columns, identified by a X on the map shown in appendix 1, at an estimated cost of £1,900
- 3.2. The Parish Council consulted 340 households with a return of 49% (a total of 168 responses). 143 (42%) were in favour of the switch-off and 25 (7%) were against.

- 3.3. The majority of those against expressed concern over fear of increased levels of crime and disorder.
- 3.4. Notwithstanding these concerns, the parish council was satisfied that the proposed scheme would be in the interests of the majority of the village and would have a positive impact upon the environment.

4. Implications

4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

Reducing unnecessary street lighting will reduce light pollution and reduce the carbon footprint of the council.

4.2. Financial Implications

Each area board has been allocated £5,000 to deliver part night lighting projects. Until a technical appraisal of each project has been carried out, it is not possible to identify the exact cost of individual projects. Based on the £100 per column rule, the Codford project will cost £1,900. If the area board supports this submission, there will be approximately £3,100 remaining.

4.3. Legal Implications

There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

4.4. HR Implications

There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

4.5. Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no specific equality and diversity implications related to this report.

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- a) The area board supports the submission from Codford parish council.
- b) The street lighting team is asked to initiate work on the scheme.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: Codford Parish Council submission with regard to part night lighting.