

## WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

## WARMINSTER AREA BOARD

13 January 2011

---

### Part Night Lighting

#### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1. To consider a proposal from Heytesbury 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. Codford parish council has already had an application supported by the area board.
- 2.8. The Codford project requires £2,000 of the £5,000 budget, leaving £3,000 remaining.
- 2.9. Heytesbury 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).

#### **3. Main Considerations**

- 3.1. The submission from Codford involves switching off a total of 30 columns out of 59. These are identified in a spreadsheet at appendix 1 and maps at appendix 2 and 3.
- 3.2. The estimated cost of switching these lights off is £1,650. This is within budget.

3.3. The Parish Council distributed a consultation document to the whole village at the end of November and asked for objections to be lodged by the end of December.

3.4. The Parish Council received 4 objections about 3 lights and as a result have decided that they should be left on.

#### **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 £50 per column rule, the Heytesbury project will cost £1,650. If the area board supports this submission, there will be approximately £1,350 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 Heytesbury Parish Council.
- b) The street lighting team is asked to initiate work on the scheme.

---

Report Author: Katharine Dew, Community Area Manager

Tel No: 01722 434344

E-Mail: [katharine.dew@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:katharine.dew@wiltshire.gov.uk)

---

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Spreadsheet giving lights to be switch off in Heytesbury

Appendix 2: Map of Heytesbury (a)

Appendix 3: Map of Heytesbury (b)