

## Proposed Street Lighting Maintenance Policy

### Budget Reductions

We're facing budget pressures like never before and need to save £157m by 2018. Reductions in Government grants, inflation and greater demands on areas of the county council's budget for adult social care and vulnerable children mean we must re-think the way we deliver services. It means some services will remain, some will be run differently but some will have to stop.

### Street lighting consultation

On 2 June 2014, our cabinet agreed to consult on proposals to change the street lighting maintenance policy. This questionnaire asks for your views on our proposals.

### About street lighting

There are 89,000 street lights in Derbyshire, and we have routinely replaced every street light bulb once every three or four years, depending on the type of light bulb, whether it has gone out or not.

As well as the routine replacement of light bulbs, we have replaced all light bulbs that have gone out, often within a day or so.

In January 2014, the council decided it needed to cut the street lighting budget by £775,000. Because of this cut in budget we are having to re-think how we maintain street lighting in the future. We will not have the money to routinely replace street light bulbs before they go out or all those that expire, so we need to set priorities.

Our policy proposes only replacing light bulbs that expire in certain locations. These priority locations are listed on the next page. This policy would mean that around 6,000 light bulbs a year would not be replaced when they go out.

We are also asking for your views on the possibility of replacing all our current street light bulbs with LED bulbs. LED bulbs would save us money on energy and maintenance costs. LED bulbs can also be dimmed, so if some street lights were to be dimmed at night we could save more money. We want to know what you think about dimming some bulbs.

The feedback we receive as part of this process will be used to help the council decide on the street lighting maintenance policy. Your time in completing this form is very much appreciated.

**The places listed below have been identified as priority locations where light bulbs would be replaced once a light bulb has failed:**

- \* Town centres
- \* Locations with a significant night time traffic accident record
- \* Areas identified by the Police as having an above average record of crime
- \* Street lights installed for community safety reasons
- \* Areas provided with CCTV, Local Authority or Police surveillance equipment
- \* Areas with sheltered housing and other residences where vulnerable people live
- \* Areas with a 24hr operations emergency service site, including hospitals and nursing homes
- \* Formal pedestrian crossings, subways and enclosed footpaths and alleyways where one end links to a road that is lit all night
- \* Where road safety measures are in place, such as roundabouts, central carriageway islands, chicanes, speed humps etc

**Q1 Please say whether you agree or disagree with a policy to only repair street lights at priority locations when they fail:**

☐

Agree

☐

Disagree

☐

Don't know

**If you disagree, please say why:**

**Q2 Please list below any priority locations that you feel have not been included in the list above:**

There is a possibility that we might be able to install LED light bulbs on all our street lights. This would cost us millions of pounds, but we could make savings in the long run as LED light bulbs use less electricity, and save money on maintenance as they can last for up to 15 years.

If we were able to find the money to buy and install LED light bulbs on all our street lights we would also be able to programme certain street lights to be dimmed during the night - when most people are asleep. This would save more money on energy bills.

**Q3 Would you support investing in LED light bulbs?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

If no, please say why:

**Q4 If we were to install LED light bulbs would you support them being dimmed in certain locations at night? We would not dim any street lights in priority locations.**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

If no, please say why:

**Equalities Monitoring**

The council is committed to ensuring that all of its services are delivered fairly. We are therefore asking you the following questions about yourself, so that we can make sure that services are delivered fairly to everyone. The information you provide will be kept confidential, but may be used by the council to check on the fairness of any other services you receive. You do not have to answer these questions, and it will make no difference at all to the way the council treats you if you prefer not to answer these questions.

**About You**

**Q5 Are you...**

☐ Female

☐ Male

☐ Prefer not to say

**Q6 What is your age group?**

☐ 0 - 15 years

☐ 45 - 64 years

☐ 16 - 24 years

☐ 65 - 79 years

☐ 25 - 44 years

☐ 80 and over

**Q7 A disabled person is someone who has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial or long term adverse effect on their ability to carry out day to day activities. Do you consider yourself to have a disability? (Please X all that apply)**

☐ No

☐ Yes, affecting hearing

☐ Yes, a learning disability

☐ Yes, affecting mobility

☐ Yes, affecting vision

☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Yes, a mental health condition

**Q8 What is your ethnic origin?**

**White:**

☐ British

☐ Irish

☐ Gypsy or Traveller

White Other (please specify)

**Mixed:**

☐ White and Black Caribbean

☐ White and Black African

☐ White and Asian

Mixed Other (please specify)

**Asian/Asian British:**

☐ Indian

☐ Pakistani

☐ Bangladeshi

☐ Chinese

Asian Other (please specify)

**Black/Black British:**

☐ Black/Black British

☐ African

☐ Caribbean

Black/Black British Other (please specify)

**Other ethnic Groups:**

☐ Arab

Other (please specify)

**Thank you for taking the time to respond. Please return your completed questionnaire by freepost to:**

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