

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

3 December 2013

Report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services

**STREET LIGHTING – OBSOLETE STOCK (JOBS, ECONOMY
AND TRANSPORT)**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To seek Cabinet approval to write off obsolete street lighting stock from the accounts.

(2) **Information and Analysis** A review of stock holding in Street Lighting has identified obsolete stock with a total book value of £29,019.38 consisting of metal column tops known as Stanton Sleeves and other materials for the maintenance of concrete street lighting columns.

These columns are now deemed to be potentially unsafe and to pose a public safety risk from collapse. There have been a number of column failures around the country where it has been found that mortar spacing plugs around the base compartment of the column have shrunk away from the concrete body allowing corrosion of the pre-stressing wires. An independent structural risk survey for Derbyshire County Council concluded that all concrete columns should be removed by 2015. Consequently, it is Derbyshire County Council policy to replace concrete columns to that timescale and not to maintain them further. It is anticipated that at current values, the Council would recover approximately £3,000 in scrap for galvanised steel.

Suppliers and other contractors, including local authorities, have been offered these items for sale but do not wish to pursue due to similar safety concerns.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The total book value of the obsolete stock is £29,019.38. The County Council would expect to recover in the region of £3,000 in scrap value. Receipts from asset disposals greater than £10,000 will represent a capital receipt to fund the Capital Programme. All other receipts will be treated as revenue income.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity,

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human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

(4) **Key Decision** No.

(5) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(6) **Background Papers** Goods itemised on stock inventory and held on site at Turnoaks Depot, Chesterfield. Officer contact details – Steve Kirkland, extension 35452.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That Cabinet approves the writing off of redundant Street Lighting stock, valued at £29,019.38, and recovery of the maximum scrap value.

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