

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Scrutiny Topic Group B  
**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013  
**Report for:** Discussion  
**Report of:** Executive Member for Highways & Environment

### Report Title

Investment in Streetlighting Update

### Summary

Following the Scrutiny Topic Group B meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013, to facilitate a review of the draft reports for 'Investment in Streetlighting,' Members made a number of requests for additional actions to be considered in their concluding remarks. This report provides an update with regard to those requests.

### Recommendation(s)

That the report be noted.

### Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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**Background Papers:** None

## **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 Officers attended the Scrutiny Topic Group B meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 to facilitate a review of the draft reports for 'Investment in Streetlighting.'
- 1.2 The Topic Group welcomed the opportunity to explore the issues raised in the draft reports which related to a significant investment in LED Streetlighting across the Borough. It felt that the overall approach to the investment as an 'invest to save' initiative had been carefully prepared and it is with this in mind that it supported, in principle, the proposals which were to be considered by the Executive in September 2013. The report has subsequently been scheduled for Executive in November 2013.
- 1.3 Members welcomed the approach to phasing in the new stock over a two year period and the savings which the Council would realise if the investment was agreed by the Executive.
- 1.4 However, in their concluding remarks, Members wished to request that the Executive Member review the investment at appropriate intervals to ensure that the lighting stock continued to deliver optimal performance bearing in mind wider technological innovations. Further comments were also made in relation to the exploration of the residual costs of the lanterns as soon as practicable and that given the scale and significance of the contract, work be undertaken across the organisation to ensure a robust and flexible contract was in place to meet both current and potential future Streetlighting requirements.
- 1.5 Furthermore, Members noted the robustness of the Health Impact Assessment and the Borough-wide approach to the application of LED Streetlighting. The Topic Group suggested that the Executive Member may wish to progress a communications and engagement strategy which, amongst other issues, focussed on the cost savings which would be achieved by the Council once LED Streetlighting was implemented.

## **2.0 Scrutiny Update**

- 2.1 In response to Scrutiny's concluding remarks the following update is provided:
  - 1) The Executive Member for Highways and Environment will review the investment at appropriate intervals to ensure that the lighting stock continues to deliver optimal performance bearing in mind wider technological innovations.
  - 2) The process for assessing the residual costs of the lanterns will be identified within the tender. Any residual value will be used to offset the cost of implementation of the LED programme. Following approval of the Streetlighting report a robust and flexible contract

will be prepared to meet both current and potential future Streetlighting requirements as far as reasonably possible.

- 3) The Executive Member will progress a communications and engagement strategy which, amongst other issues, focuses on the cost savings and improved service provision, which would be achieved by the Council once LED street lighting was implemented.

### **3.0 Subsequent Request**

- 3.1 A further request has been made by Councillor Cordingley, as Vice-Chairman of Scrutiny Committee regarding the practicability / possibility / merits or otherwise of pursuing proposals on a wider basis than just this Council.
- 3.2 The Council is aware that LED programmes are currently being considered across AGMA, including Manchester, Bolton, Bury, Stockport, Tameside and Wigan. Salford is already underway with an LED replacement programme. The proposed contract will enable other authorities to join Trafford Council in the procurement of an LED roll out programme.

### **4.0 Conclusions/Final Summary**

- 4.1 All of scrutiny's comments will be taken into account when the decision report is brought to the Executive in November 2013.

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