

West Suffolk Council

Portfolio Holder Decisions Notice

(Published: Wednesday 22 March 2023)

The following decision was taken by the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Property on Tuesday 21 March 2023, and if not called in by councillors, will come into operation on Thursday 30 March 2023. An executive decision may be called in, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules contained within Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, by at least five councillors submitting the required call-in request form to the Director (Human Resources, Governance and Regulatory) (e-mail: democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk) **by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 29 March 2023**. Should you have a query regarding the decision taken, contact should be made with the named officer in the first instance, the portfolio holder or via Democratic Services, West Suffolk Council, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk, IP33 3YU.

Agenda item and report number	Declarations of interest	Decision(s) (including recommendations to Council)	Reason(s) for decision(s)	Other options considered and reasons for rejection	Contacts
No agenda item as Portfolio Holder decision Report number: CAB/WS/23/018	None	<p>Upgrading of Council-owned streetlights to LED to enable financial and carbon savings</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That an investment of £442,000 from the Net Zero Fund to upgrade streetlights under West Suffolk Council ownership to LED, including the proposal to dim the lights by 75 percent (to match the level of Suffolk County Council owned lights), be</p>	<p>As part of the review of streetlighting in the district, it had been identified that West Suffolk Council currently owns streetlights that have yet to be updated to LED or be incorporated onto Suffolk County Council's Central Management System. The cost-saving benefits involved in updating the Council's own stock using invest-to-save budgets has been recognised,</p>	<p>West Suffolk could decide to take no action at this time and not upgrade the streetlights in its ownership to LED. However, it should be noted that at some point the light columns will need works doing to them and upgrading to take place and the Council would have lost the opportunity to reduce its carbon footprint</p>	<p>Portfolio holder: Sarah Broughton 07929 305787</p> <p>Officer: Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245</p>

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		<p>approved.</p> <p>This would create a saving of 82.25 tonnes carbon by reducing the overall electricity consumption, and a budget saving after borrowing costs of just under £14,000.</p>	<p>together with the carbon savings generated from the upgrading and dimming of the lights.</p>	<p>earlier along with achieving financial savings through reduced energy consumption.</p> <p>An alternative option around the level of investment was also considered. The costs included in this decision notice are based on completing all works required over the medium term as opposed to just the minimum work required to enable LED installation. This is to avoid additional costs of the engineer's time across the medium to longer terms of having to make multiple visits.</p>	

Jennifer Eves
Director (Human Resources, Governance and Regulatory)
22 March 2023