

Equality Impact Assessment

Name of project/proposal T19 - E6 Street Lighting
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Description of Service / Policy

Management of the Street Lighting Service for Hampshire, including the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Contract with Equitex. The user profile consists of all highway users.
Geographical impact* All Hampshire

Description of proposed change

To achieve savings by reducing the energy requirements for street lighting, and through the implementation of operational efficiencies. The project will deliver savings and carbon reductions by such measures as dimming of principal roads and part-night lighting. Road signs and markings are retro-reflective and will appear bright in vehicle lights, reducing the impact of dimmer street lights. It is possible to vary the dimming by time of day and location to provide brighter lighting when required for site specific reasons. Switching off street lights altogether would have the greatest impact, but would likely be limited to the middle of the night and not applied everywhere. Large parts of the road network have no street lighting.

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

No specific consultation has been carried out on this proposal, however, the County Council carried out a major public consultation exercise over the Summer 2017 on a range of options for finding further budget savings including increasing council tax, using reserves and making changes to the way in which services are delivered, which may mean reducing or withdrawing certain services. The outcome of this consultation will be presented to Cabinet in October 2017.

When decisions are made to pursue the options, further specific consultation will be carried out with stakeholders on the detailed options where required.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Statutory considerations

Impact

Age Nothing selected

Disability Impact Low
For those with disabilities, there is the potential that these changes could have a disproportionately negative impact in terms of travel either as pedestrians or motorists on affected streets.

New infrastructure delivered by the Private Finance Initiative has increased the County Council's ability to be flexible about lighting and dimming regimes. Brighter lighting can be provided at specific times, and full switch-off will be limited to the middle of the night when road users are scarce on affected streets. These measures should minimise this potential impact.

Sexual Orientation Neutral

Race Neutral

Religion and Belief Neutral

Gender Reassignment Neutral

Gender Neutral

Marriage and civil
partnership Neutral

Pregnancy and
Maternity Neutral

Other policy considerations

Poverty Neutral

Rurality Neutral

Additional Information