

# Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire  
County Council

## Street Lighting Efficiencies

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## Description of current service/policy

The County Council provides and maintains over 150,000 street lights and illuminated signs and bollards. This is a non-statutory service. The main street lighting cost that the County Council can control is energy consumption, on which it spends approximately £2.7 million per year. Since 2010, the County Council has more than halved its street lighting energy consumption by using more efficient bulbs, dimming street lights, and switching lights off in residential areas for part of the night.

Geographical impact: All  
Hampshire

## Description of proposed change

To seek further reductions in the cost of managing Hampshire's streetlighting network through new technology and/or other service efficiencies. This could ultimately include switching street lights off for longer periods during the night, switching off street lights during the night in some non-residential roads, and additional dimming of street lights.

## Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

## 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 ran a major public consultation exercise over the Summer 2019 on a range of options for finding further budget savings including increasing Council Tax, using reserves and making changes to the way services are delivered, which may mean reducing or withdrawing certain services. The outcome of this consultation will be presented to the County Council’s Cabinet in October 2019. When decisions are made to pursue the options, further specific consultation will be carried out with stakeholders on the detailed options where required.

<b>Statutory considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Age:</b> Neutral		
<b>Disability:</b> Neutral		
<b>Sexual orientation:</b> Neutral		
<b>Race:</b> Neutral		
<b>Religion and belief:</b> Neutral		
<b>Gender reassignment:</b> Neutral		

<b>Gender:</b> Neutral		
<b>Marriage and civil partnership:</b> Neutral		
<b>Pregnancy and maternity:</b> Neutral		
<b>Other policy considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Poverty:</b> Neutral		
<b>Rurality:</b> Neutral		

## **Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)**

New technologies under consideration are not expected to have an impact on residents and service users. Other options could lead to some residential streets being darker, or darker for longer. In addition, some non-residential roads could also be made darker. It is possible that, if implemented, such changes could have a low negative impact on some road users with disabilities, but specific proposals have yet to be determined, and further assessment will be made as options are refined. New infrastructure enables flexibility over lighting and dimming regimes, and in the event that negative impacts are identified, this could potentially provide options for mitigation.

## **Any other information**