

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	29 October 2018
Title:	Street Lighting T19 Savings
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves the implementation of part-night lighting for three hours on residential roads in Hampshire from 1 April 2019.
- 1.2. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to exceptionally exclude specific roads (e.g. higher crime areas) or to vary the periods of part-night lighting in these locations.
- 1.3. That, in light of the preferences expressed in the recent public consultation, authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, to extend the period of part night lighting on residential roads to four hours where appropriate and consistent with the overall saving strategy.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council is facing substantial financial pressures, with successive reductions in Government grant funding and additional resources required to meet growing demand for social care services for vulnerable children and adults. The proposal to introduce part night lighting is part of the Economy, Transport and Environment department's savings for managing the budget shortfall of £15.8million by April 2019.
- 2.2. A public consultation was published via the County Council's website from 11 June 2018 to 5 August 2018. Over two thirds of respondents supported the County Council's proposal to turn street lights off for a minimum of two hours at night, with the preferred single option being an outage of four hours. Respondents were most supportive for street lights being switched off in residential areas.
- 2.3. A majority of respondents were also in favour of switching street lights off on main roads, but most favoured retaining street lighting in town centres.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not implementing a policy of part-night lighting. This is rejected as it would require the proposed savings to be found elsewhere in the County Council's budget, potentially from proposals that have not met with comparable support to that expressed in the recent public consultation on part night lighting.
- 3.2. It would be possible to implement part-night lighting for a minimum period of two hours on all residential roads in Hampshire. This is rejected as it would not achieve the target £230,000 savings, requiring the further savings to be found elsewhere in the County Council's budget.
- 3.3. It would be possible to implement part-night lighting for more than three hours on all residential roads in Hampshire. This is rejected at this time as it would exceed the target £230,000 savings, but could be implemented later in the event that further savings are required, subject to feedback.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:	Date:
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Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor Rob Humby	