



Northampton Partnership Homes

Briefing paper for Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 29th July 2015

Update on Street Lighting

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee were last briefed on Street Lighting on 8th September 2014. Outlined within item 2.2 of the briefing paper were three responsibility areas one being "for street lights off the highway around some housing estates, including footpaths, garages, parking and pedestrian areas around blocks of flats"
- 1.2 The above responsibility is under the jurisdiction of Northampton Partnership Homes (NPH) and this report provides an update on activities since the creation of NPH on 5th January 2015.

2. Update

- 2.1 As previously briefed in at this Committee in November 2015 extensive cataloguing and condition survey assessment work has previously been carried and this information has since been transferred to NPH.
- 2.2 Initial work has since commenced on converting and adapting this data for incorporation into NPH asset management databases and this is an ongoing project covering all 12,000+ stock and neighbourhood areas where there are street lighting upkeep responsibilities for NPH.
- 2.3 In the meantime and in parallel to the above NPH have since assumed the repair and maintenance of the non highway street lighting with issues reported by estate based staff and tenants alike.
- 2.4 To date during 2015 there has been 8 reported repairs to street lighting maintained by NPH which is a slight increase on the previous year.

3 Future initiatives

- 3.1 In managing the Council stock and neighbourhoods NPH is about to embark on the planning and coordination of environmental improvements covering estates in a priority order for subsequent delivery.

- 3.2 As inferred this large piece of work will be inclusive of known local knowledge, staff input and of course stock condition data covering a multitude of elements which includes street lighting.
- 3.3 Therefore any works to existing lights and/or columns will be picked up at this stage for inclusion into the wider environmental scope of works where required.
- 3.4 Furthermore, and as referred to in item 2.2 above the conversion and input of data into the NPH asset management database will allow us to create planned more effective work regimes thereby reducing costly 'one off' repair costs . Typically this will include overall maintenance, testing, light level recordings and renewal programmes as and where required.
- 3.5 As part of our aim to improve the safety of neighbourhoods, additional lighting may also be provided either in the form of lampposts or high level lighting attached to buildings adjacent to key access routes.
- 3.6 It may also interest Committee members to know that the 'Northampton standard' is now inclusive of the installation of front and rear security lights where required and these will in turn improve home security and enhance overall lighting levels. This work is due to commence as part of other broader work delivery programmes later in the year.

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