

REPORT TO:	CROYDON AND LEWISHAM STREET LIGHTING JOINT COMMITTEE 19 MARCH 2015
AGENDA ITEM:	7
SUBJECT:	STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT MONITORING – SCRUTINY REVIEW
LEAD OFFICERS:	CROYDON: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT LEWISHAM: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR RESOURCES AND REGENERATION
CABINET MEMBERS:	CROYDON: COUNCILLORS KATHY BEE AND STUART COLLINS LEWISHAM: COUNCILLORS ALAN SMITH AND KEVIN BONAVIA
WARDS:	ALL
Corporate Priority / Policy Context: Improving street lighting supports Croydon Council’s corporate priorities of improving the environment and reducing crime and Lewisham Council’s corporate priorities of clean, green and liveable, and safety, security and a visible presence.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 This report is for information. The Croydon & Lewisham Street Lighting Joint Committee is asked to agree to provide a response at Streets & Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 24 March 2015.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee received a joint update report from Croydon & Lewisham Street Lighting Limited (Skanska) and council officers relating to **Street Lighting PFI update** at its meeting on 23rd July 2014. A follow up meeting with council officers only at its meeting on Tuesday 2 December 2014.

At these meetings the Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee made recommendations to Cabinet which it is asked to consider.

3. DETAIL

The Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee, at its meeting on Wednesday 23 July 2014, resolved (Minute number A8/14) – STREET LIGHTING PFI UPDATE:

- That a follow-up agenda item on street lighting be added to the Sub-Committee's work programme.
- That a „walkabout“ be organised in the Addiscombe and Ashburton area to examine works carried out and identify areas for improvement.

The Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee, at its meeting on Tuesday 2 December 2014, resolved (Minute number A34/14) – FOLLOW-UP ON SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS: STREET LIGHTING PFI CONTRACT to:

- Refer its amended report to the Cabinet and the Croydon and Lewisham Joint Street Lighting Committee for consideration and a response to its conclusions and recommendations
- Express its concern that the Core Investment Programme work programme, which had been prioritised across wards in the borough to help deliver better road safety, an improved night time environment and economy and to help reduce street crime and anti-social behaviour, had been amended to bring forward 'easy-to-complete' wards while work in high priority wards had not been completed
- Ask officers to maintain pressure on the contractor to complete street lighting implementation in wards where work was already underway as soon as possible
- Note that the council is effectively monitoring the contract and that Skanska Laing is being penalised financially on an on-going basis for delays in delivering the Core Investment Programme
- Express its concerns about the detrimental effect the delays in delivering the Core Investment Programme is having on residents and that this can be directly attributed to Skanska Laing and UK Power Networks
- Seek an apology to the residents of Croydon from Skanska Laing for the delays and disruption they have caused in the delivery of the Core Investment Programme
- Refer the Street Lighting PFI Contract back to scrutiny for a further up-date and report on progress in 2015/16 with a particular emphasis on seeking information about on-going delays, wards completed, stump removal, joint working between Skanska Laing and UK Power Networks in delivering the street lighting replacement programme and the predicted over-run of the Core Investment Programme

- Note however, that overall the new street lighting, once installed and working, provides an improved and beneficial service to the residents of Croydon.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None