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REPORT TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 3 March 2015
AGENDA ITEM:	8
SUBJECT:	Results of Consultation for Heritage (Village Style) Street Lighting in the Addington Village and Bradmore Green Conservation Areas
LEAD OFFICER:	Steve Iles, Head of Highways and Parking Services
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor Kathy Bee, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
WARDS:	Coulsdon East & Heathfield
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: This report is in line with objectives to improve safety and minimise accidents (whilst complying with the Councils Conservation Policy) on the Borough's roads as detailed in the Croydon Corporate Plan 2013 – 15 Improving street lighting supports Croydon Council's corporate priorities of improving the environment and reducing crime.	
AMBITIOUS FOR CROYDON & WHY ARE WE DOING THIS: <i>Consultation with residents for agreement of selection of Heritage Village Style Street Lighting in the Addington Village and Bradmore Green Conservation Area so that an agreed and correct pallet of materials installed.</i>	
FINANCIAL IMPACT These proposals can be contained within available budget.	
KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: This is not a Key Decision.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Traffic Management Advisory Committee recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment to consider the responses to the resident consultation exercise carried out between 27th October 2014 and 23rd December 2014 and consider whether to agree the chosen style of heritage street lighting equipment (Type B Strand Lantern with Cardiff Column) to be used in the Addington Village and Bradmore Green Conservation Areas.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report seeks agreement to implement the street lighting replacement using the Type B Strand Lantern with Cardiff Column, in the Addington Village and Bradmore Green Conservation Areas, based on the results of the consultation exercise carried out between 27th October and 23rd December 2014.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 In August 2011, the Council, in conjunction with Skanska UK PLC commenced a 5 year Core Investment Programme to replace the life expired street lighting stock in Croydon.
- 3.2 The council adopts a strategic approach to the protection of its heritage assets in line with current legislation, guidance from English heritage and best practice. The council also adopts a pro-active approach through its Local Plan in assessing borough character and interpreting local distinctiveness that underlies the 16 places of Croydon. The 16 Places of Croydon were developed as a part of the Core Strategy (Croydon Local Plan) and based on a detailed analysis of local and residential character of the borough, this underwent extensive statutory public consultation during the period 2009-2012. With regard to local character and historic assets, the council carried out a Conservation Area review in 2007-8 which underwent an extensive consultation process involving local residents associations leading to the designation of nine new conservation areas.
- 3.3 The council is applying a consistent approach to functional lighting which delivers value for money across the borough. The street lighting Private Finance Initiative (PFI) is primarily a project that seeks to provide improvement in technical performance of both light distribution and energy performance of the council's street lighting stock. The government funding criteria is solely concerned with lighting performance as designated by EU standards. Providing for the aesthetic aspects of street lighting columns and luminaires is not a primary objective of the PFI. It does not seek to replicate the infinite variety of styles, ages and performance that is exhibited by its current street lighting provision across the borough and there is no mechanism whereby individuals may formally request that the replacement of existing lighting fixtures does not take place. It is important to understand that the existing street lighting stock is old and in the majority of cases is approaching the end of its life, this is the main reason the council embarked on a borough wide replacement programme.
- 3.4 Some limited scope does exist within the street lighting PFI to accommodate variation in response to local character, if and where it has been identified as either an historic asset or an area where an uplift in specification is considered appropriate and necessary. To this end the council has identified areas where a permitted variation from the street lighting PFI standard specification is to be accommodated. These are within Croydon Metropolitan Centre designated district centres and statutory conservation areas (adjusted to preclude anomalous situations arising such as different street lights on each side of the road and isolated areas).

3.5 In Croydon, the Street Lighting Conservation Areas are split into 4 distinct categories:

- Village
- Heritage Croydon Old Town
- Heritage Victorian
- Urban/Suburban

3.6 The Addington Village and Bradmore Green Conservation Areas, fall within the Village category and as such residents were given three possible choices of equipment as can be seen in Appendix 1. Based on responses received the residents preference is the Type B Strand Lantern with Cardiff Column.

3.7 For details of the streets within the Street Lighting Conservation Areas please see Appendix 2.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 Between the 27th October and 23rd December 2014, a consultation process was carried out by Skanska, whereby 1,175 letters were sent out to residents within the Addington Village and Bradmore Green Conservation Areas, detailing the three choices of lighting equipment available to them:

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| • Type A | Ely Lantern with Cardiff Column |
| • Type B | Strand Lantern with Cardiff Column |
| • Type C | Waterford Lantern with Cardiff Column |

Residents were offered the chance to take part in an online survey to determine their preferred choice of equipment. The letter also gave the residents the chance to register their choice via e-mail or by phone, for those residents without internet resources.

4.2 Of the 1,175 number of leaflets sent out, Skanska received 146 replies which detailed the resident's preferences. The responses to the consultation can be seen in the table in Appendix 3:

4.4 Based on responses as laid out in Appendix 3 it is recommended that the preferred equipment above (Type B Strand Lantern with Cardiff Column) be used in all streets within the Addington Village and Bradmore Green Conservation Areas.

5 FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 There are no adverse financial implications here as the cost of the renewal of equipment and ongoing maintenance is included as part of the PFI arrangement.

5.2 Revenue and Capital consequences of report recommendations

	Current Financial Year	M.T.F.S – 3 year Forecast		
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>Revenue</u>				
<u>Budget available</u>				
Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Income	0	0	0	0
<u>Effect of Decision from Report</u>				
Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Income	0	0	0	0
Remaining Budget	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>
<u>Capital</u>				
<u>Budget available</u>				
Expenditure	0	0	0	0
<u>Effect of Decision from report</u>				
Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Remaining Budget	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

5.3 The effect of the decision

- 5.3.1 There are no direct costs associated with these works as it is within the current PFI contract.
- 5.3.2 These costs can be contained within the available budgets for 2014/15 & 2015/16.

5.4 Risks

- 5.4.1 NOTE: - I do not believe there is a risk to the financial side of things as the PFI contract transfer the risk to the Service Provider for the duration of the contract and there is a hand back process given a residual life of 5years on handback (2041).

5.5 Options

Due to the street lighting PFI contract there are no other options.

5.6 Future savings/efficiencies

(Approved by: Graham Oliver, Finance Business Partner, D&E)

6. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

6.1 Under section 97 Highways Act 1980 the Council, being the local highway authority, may provide lighting for the purposes of any highway and may for that purpose contract with any persons to supply, construct and maintain such lamps, posts and other works as they consider necessary.

(Approved by: Gabriel MacGregor Head of Corporate Law on behalf of the Council Solicitor & Director of Democratic & Legal Services)

7. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

7.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

7.2 Approved by Adrian Prescod, HR Business Partner, for and on behalf of Director of HR, Resources Department.

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been undertaken, and there are no specific disadvantages associated with replacing the street lighting in the boroughs. Indeed, the enhanced lighting will be of benefits to all residents and businesses.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

9.1 There is no detrimental environmental impact arising from this report.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

10.1 Well-designed street lighting has a positive impact on crime and disorder reduction.

11. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/PROPOSED DECISION

11.1 This recommendation aligns with current Council Policy, improves street safety and aids crime reduction, whilst complying with the Conservation Area equipment palette.

12. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

12.1 The use of standard type kit for the conservation areas has been considered but is not thought to be a viable option. The Councils strategic and proactive approach to the protection of its conservation areas dictates that the lighting equipment used within them, should reflect the make-up and character of the area.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None.

Appendix 1

Conservation Area Consultation
Village

Type A
Ely Lantern
Cardiff Column

Type B
Strand Lantern
Cardiff Column

Type C
Waterford Lantern
Cardiff Column

Street Level

Please visit:
surveymonkey.com/s/croydonconservation
to give your preference for the new street lighting in your area.
Please vote within 4 weeks of receiving this notice.
t: 0800 028 5955
e: clstreetlighting@skanska.co.uk

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Appendix 2

Street	Ward	Designated Area
Addington Village Road	Heathfield	Addington Village CA
Boundary Way	Heathfield	Addington Village CA
Bradmore Way	Coulsdon East	Bradmore Green CA
Canon's Hill	Coulsdon East	Bradmore Green CA
Coulsdon Road	Coulsdon East	Bradmore Green CA
Court Avenue	Coulsdon East	Bradmore Green CA
Marlpit Lane	Coulsdon East	Bradmore Green CA
Placehouse Lane	Coulsdon East	Bradmore Green CA
Roxton Gardens	Heathfield	Addington Village CA
Spout Hill	Heathfield	Addington Village CA
The Wicket	Heathfield	Addington Village CA

Appendix 3

Road Name	Type A	Type B	Type C
Addington Village Road	2	9	2
Boundary Way	4	3	6
Bradmore Way	12	17	6
Canon's Hill	7	7	3
Coulsdon Road	4	10	3
Court Avenue	7	16	8
Marlpit Lane	0	0	0
Placehouse Lane	1	1	3
Roxton Gardens	2	1	0
Spout Hill	1	1	0
The Wicket	2	5	3
Totals	42	70	34

