

<b>RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE STREET LIGHTING CABLE NETWORK FUNDING FOR 2019/20 – 2023/24</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR PETER HILLER, CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH, PLANNING, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>
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<b>Deadline date: MAY 2019</b>

Cabinet portfolio holder:	Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development
Responsible Director:	Dave Anderson, Interim Development Director
Is this a Key Decision?	YES If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan : Yes Unique Key decision Reference from Forward Plan : KEY/27MAY19/04
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	The project will be registered on Verto

### R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1) Authorise the issue of the following work package to Skanska Construction UK Limited under the Council's existing Peterborough Highway Services Contract;

£500k p.a. from 2019/20 – 2023/24 (£2.5m total) Street Lighting Cable Network funding

## 1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 This report seeks approval from the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development for the Street Lighting Cable Network package of works. In recent years the Council has replaced the lamps in the street lights with LED lamps in order to lower energy costs and has also replaced substandard lighting columns. There is now a need to improve the cable network supplying the street lights.

- 1.2 There is a substantial amount of cabling that supplies street lights that does not belong to UK Power Networks. Much of this cable network is in need of replacement because of its age. There is an intention to use a proportion of the street lighting maintenance funding (£550k p.a. from 2019/20 – 2021/22) to replace some of this cabling. However, that funding is insufficient to make all of the improvements that are needed. This additional funding of £500k per year for 5 years will ensure that the defective cabling will be improved more expediently.

## **2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

- 2.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.3 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (b).

## **3. TIMESCALE**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	<b>N/A</b>
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## **4. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED**

- 4.1 In the Medium Term Financial Strategy a £500k p.a. budget from 2019/20 – 2023/24 (£2.5m total) was allocated for the Street Lighting Cable Network. Approval is now sought to issue the work package to Skanska Construction UK Limited under the Council's existing Peterborough Highway Services Contract.

## **5. CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 Consultation was undertaken as part of the budget setting process.

## **6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES**

- 6.1 Approval is given for the provision of Street Lighting Cable Network works from 2019/20 – 2023/24. This will ensure that we are able to consistently provide power to the street lighting network.

## **7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 7.1 This will enable Peterborough to improve the power supply to its street lights. This will reduce the likelihood of large numbers of street lights being left without power.

## **8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 Not to deliver a programme of works: This has been dismissed as it would put the Council at risk of having large volumes of street lights not working due to defective cabling that supplies them with electricity.

## **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 The Highways Act 1980 provides that the highway authority is under a duty to maintain the highway at public expense. This requires that the highway has to be maintained so that it is reasonably passable by the ordinary traffic of the area. To that end, the highway authority has the power under S.97 of the Highways Act 1980 to provide street lighting for the benefit of the highway and it is pursuant to the exercise of that power that approval for the street lighting scheme is sought.

9.2 In addition, the legal implications of not approving the finance and spend outlined in this document may mean that the Council cannot meet its strategic transport and highway priorities for Peterborough following a substantial period of consultation with stakeholders and partners.

## **10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 The recommended programme will ensure that the planned expenditure is consistent with the capital programme of works via the performance measurement and efficiency mechanisms built into the Highway Services Agreement.

## **11. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are no procurement implications.

## **12. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

12.1 An Initial Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and there are no detrimental effects associated with the schemes.

## **13. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

13.1 None

## **14. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985) and The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

- Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy  
<http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/highwayassetmanagement>
- Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan

## **15. APPENDICES**

15.1 None