

Section 1: About the proposal

Title of Proposal

Reduction in maintenance of street lighting columns and lights
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Intended outcome of proposal

Reduction in maintenance of street lighting columns and lights using a more risk based approach to prioritise maintenance and reduce expenditure.

Description of proposal

Argyll and Bute Council have a funding shortfall of 9 million pounds for 2019/20, to assist in reducing this shortfall it has been identified that a saving of 11% (£50k) can be made from the street lighting maintenance budget. This will see a more risk based prioritising of maintenance which will at times mean less dangerous columns and lights will take longer to fix as we will prioritise more urgent work first. This is balanced against a recent LED Lighting project which will see savings on electricity as well as an anticipated reduction in maintenance with further columns also being replaced which are at end of life.
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Engagement with lighting manufacturers identified a significant saving using LED lights. A programme of change was carried out to street lights which also had the benefit of reduced maintenance with more up to date lights being fitted.

Other information

Argyll and Bute Council have a 9 million pound funding gap for 2019/20 and will be required to transform how we work so that we can deliver the services our communities need. The introduction of new LED street lighting will introduce electricity savings as well as reduced maintenance.

Gaps in evidence

No public consultation has been carried out prior to this proposal going ahead.

Section 3: Impact of proposal

Impact on service users:

	Negative	No impact	Positive	Don't know
Protected characteristics:				
Age	X			
Disability	X			
Ethnicity		X		
Gender		X		
Gender reassignment		X		
Marriage and Civil Partnership		X		
Pregnancy and Maternity		X		
Religion		X		
Sexual Orientation		X		

Fairer Scotland Duty:

