



Reference: FOI-324

**Request:**

1. What impact assessment was carried out by North Tyneside prior to changing street lights in 2015? Was the North Tyneside council Equality officer consulted in the decision-making process? Please provide a copy of this impact assessment.
2. Does North Tyneside council employ an Equality officer? If not, why not?

**Response:**

1. Pre 2015 the Authority held a number of workshops with its PFI Street Lighting provider to explore issues around changing street light lanterns to LED. These included exploring a range of potential impacts on protected characteristics. Due to the length of time that has passed, documentation of the workshops and assessments is no longer held. The Authority also worked extensively with the lighting provider to ensure that lighting designs for North Tyneside were carried out in accordance with BS5489-1 Code of practice for the design of road lighting Part 1: Lighting of roads and public amenity areas.

All LED lanterns have been designed, developed and tested in order to fully comply with all UK and EU regulations and fully meet BS EN 60598 product standards.

2. Yes