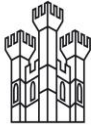




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Joint Street Lighting Committee

20 March 2018

Present: Councillor N Kemp (Chair)
Councillors S Fairlie, J Harrison and S Stirling

In Attendance: P Nelson - Environmental Sustainability & Street Lighting, NTC
Y Harrison - Law and Governance, NTC

JSLC10/03/18 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

JSLC11/03/18 Appointment of Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members reported.

JSLC12/03/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest reported.

JSLC13/03/18 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 September 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

JSLC14/03/18 Street Lighting PFI Performance Report from 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

The Committee received a report which explained the performance aspects of the conduct of the Street Lighting PFI Contract in the six month period 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017.

The report detailed the performance of the service provider against a number of contract performance standards and local indicators between 1 July 2017 and December 2017, which included additional details on electricity consumption, spend and reduction programmes.

With regard to contract monitoring, it was highlighted that there had been a small number of instances when the time taken to repair a fault by the District Network Operator, Northern

Powergrid, exceeded the 30 day target. There were no instances when the time taken to repair a fault by SSE exceeded the five day target. There were no other performance concerns reported. Specific details on contract performance standards and local indicators for Newcastle City Council and North Tyneside Council were presented in Appendix 1 to the report.

In relation to electricity consumption and spend, it was reported that both authorities were consuming less electricity than the contractual forecast. Commentary was given on progress towards making further efficiencies through the introduction of LED lighting.

Contract payment was by means of a unitary charge which would be subject to deductions and penalties for poor performance, applied as appropriate. Details of the payments were provided in a separate PFI Finance report.

During discussion, Members made reference to the successful delivery to date of the LED lighting replacement programme and the resulting energy efficiency savings made by both authorities, and also the positive way in which both authorities continued to manage the outcomes of the performance standards.

Performance reports would continue to be presented at future Joint Street Lighting Committee meetings.

Resolved that the report be received for information and the comments on performance noted.

JSLC15/03/18 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 7 & 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

JSLC16/03/18 Street Lighting PFI Finance Report from 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017

The Committee received a report which explained the financial aspects of the conduct of the Street Lighting PFI Contract in the six month period 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017.

Payments under the PFI contract included a services element and an energy element. The services costs were fixed under the contract, subject to an annual inflationary increase and for changes in the type and numbers of equipment in use. The energy element was subject to open market testing on a regular basis and represented the energy consumed at that price.

It was reported that the current energy contract was due to expire in October 2018 and that both authorities were in the process of reviewing future arrangements.

Members discussed the report and were given the opportunity to ask questions which were responded to appropriately.

Financial reports would continue to be presented at future Joint Street Lighting Committee meetings.

Resolved that the report be received for information.