

# Joint Street Lighting Committee

Tuesday, 26 September 2023

**Present:** Councillor Fairlie (Chair)  
Councillors S Graham and A McMullen

**In attendance:** P Nelson, Head of Environmental Sustainability, NTC  
S McKeating, Democratic Services Officer, NTC  
P Holmes, Head of Engineering, NCC

**Apologies:** Councillors Bryne

## JSLC1/23 Appointment of Chair

**Resolved** that Councillor Fairlie (Newcastle City Council) be appointed as Chair for the Municipal year 2023/24.

## JSLC2/23 Appointment of Vice-Chair

**Resolved** that Councillor S Graham (North Tyneside Council) be appointed as Vice-Chair for the Municipal year 2023/24.

## JSLC3/23 Apologies for Absence

Apology received for Councillor J Bryne.

## JSLC4/23 Appointment of Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members reported.

## JSLC5/23 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

**JSLC6/23      Public Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 December 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**JSLC7/23      Street Lighting PFI Performance Report**

The Committee received a report which explained the performance aspects of the conduct of the Street Lighting PFI Contract in the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

The report detailed the performance of the service provider against a number of contract performance standards and local indicators between 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, which included additional details on electricity consumption, spend and reduction programmes. Officers reminded the committee of the note at the end of the previous minute that there was likely to be a dip in performance during this report's timeframe and that actions were in place to address the underlying issues.

While over 90% of standard repairs were carried out within the 5-day target across both areas, there were a number of repairs that significantly missed target. It was noted that while Newcastle's figure was slightly lower, this was due to having a different, and more difficult portfolio, to manage. Both Authorities stated that the continuing programme of LED lighting installation was near completion and had significantly contributed to energy savings.

A member noted that the data shared showed the number of reports resolved rather than the number still outstanding. Officers stated that the acquisition of a Technical Specialist PFI Street Lighting working between the Authorities had meant the previous backlog of unresolved jobs had been tackled and was now in hand. The committee discussed consumption figures and points were responded to appropriately by officers.

Officers suggested that the committee meet biannually until nearer the end of the contract, when it should increase frequency again. Performance reports would continue to be presented at future Joint Street Lighting Committee meetings.

It was **Agreed** that (1) the Street Lighting PFI Performance report for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 be noted.

#### **JSLC8/23 Exclusion Resolution**

**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 items of business on the grounds that they involve likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 7 & 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

#### **JSLC9/23 Confidential Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 December 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

#### **JSLC10/23 Street Lighting PFI Finance Report**

The Committee received the Street Lighting PFI Finance Report for the period 1 July 2022 to June 2023.

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.

The Chair asked for further information on areas within Newcastle awaiting adoption and info on the street lighting within, and officers agreed to send the current information covering Newcastle.

It was **Agreed** that (1) the Street Lighting PFI Finance Report for the period 1 July 2022 to June 2023 be noted; (2) that Area Adoption information covering

Newcastle be sent to the Chair.

**JSLC11/23 PFI – verbal update**

Officers gave a PFI verbal update. Members discussed the report and were given the opportunity to ask questions which were responded to appropriately.

It was **Agreed** that (1) the verbal update be noted.

**JSLC12/23 Date and Time of next meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting should be in March 2024, as part of the move to biannual meetings.