



North Tyneside Council



Joint Street Lighting Committee

12 December 2022

(10.20 - 10.50 am)

Present:

Councillor: S Graham (NTC) (In the Chair)

Councillor: S Fairlie

In Attendance:

P Nelson - Head of Environmental Sustainability (NTC)

P Holmes - Assistant Director of Transport (NCC)

H Thompson - Democratic Services Officer (NCC)

10 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022/2023

RESOLVED – That Councillor Sandra Graham be appointed as Chair for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

Councillor Sandra Graham in the Chair

11 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022/2023

Item to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

14 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2021

RESOLVED – That the public minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 December 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

15 **STREET LIGHTING PFI PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Submitted: Report by Head of Environmental Sustainability, North Tyneside Council.

P Nelson introduced the report and explained there was a good level of performance of the service provider in the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

It was highlighted there were 16 emergency repairs in North Tyneside in February 2022, of which 5 were attended to within the hour and related to a bulk outage in one street.

It was noted that the Newcastle LED programme was 90% complete, which had produced £5m saving a year on energy costs. North Tyneside were in the final phase of delivery and planned to complete works as quickly as possible. Energy prices would be closely monitored next year.

The increase in energy costs were discussed. The current unit cost of 29p per kwh had been reduced from 40p per kwh by the government energy cap that was in place until March 2023. There were no further indications from government that the energy cap would continue after March 2023.

P Nelson advised there were very few complaints about the LED programme in North Tyneside and was generally happy with the current performance up to June 2022. However, over the next six months period, some performance standards had reduced and this was being closely managed with the contractor.

P Nelson anticipated that the issues would impact negatively on the performance figures in the next report and then improve in the six to twelve months that followed.

16 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That under Section 100A (a) of 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 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest test against disclosure had been satisfied.