

# Delegated Decisions by Deputy Leader of the Council with Responsibility for Climate Change, Environment & Future Generations Thursday, 14 November 2024

#### **ADDENDA**

2. Questions from County Councillors (Pages 1 - 2)

Questions and answers attached.



# Agenda Item

### DELEGATED DECISIONS BY DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS – 14 NOVEMBER 2024

#### ITEM 2 - QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

#### 1. COUNCILLOR CHARLIE HICKS

Please can Cllr Sudbury clarify, following the application of the exclusion list, what % of urban streets this policy (Dark Skies) will apply to?

#### SUPPLEMENTARY:

Thank you, Cllr Sudbury, for your response to my written question. In the response, it says that your further consultation and work would be with representatives of respective town, parish councils and the police. Can I ask for your confirmation that you will be working with the City Council and the City Council Cabinet Member for a Safer Oxford for

## COUNCILLOR PETE SUDBURY, DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

The exercise of applying our exclusion criteria determining which lights would be converted to operate for part night, along with the timing of the dark period to match local activity levels can only be undertaken on an area-by-area basis, in close cooperation with representatives of the respective town / parish council and the Police.

Maximising positive benefits to people and the natural world and minimising crime requires good lighting, in warm colour temperatures (yellow/orange) whilst people are out and about, and darkness whilst they are not. We have assumed 30% of lights are not converted and would expect a majority of those to be in larger conurbations and other places where activity really doesn't cease.

#### ANSWER:

Yes. One of the problems with this paper is that it does not say stuff and one of the things it doesn't say is that there was no intention to, with this paper, to bring this forward anywhere near the City. This was always aimed initially at trialling it in the countryside where it is much easier to work out what times to do and so on. I have a lis of things I think are wrong with this paper and one of them was that it did not make it clear.

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Questions are listed in the order in which they were received. Should any questioner not have received an answer in that time, a written answer will be provided.