

INTERIM SHORT-TERM STREET LIGHTING POLICY CHANGES

The current Street lighting Policy and Practice is available as a background paper. In summary we currently:

- Inspect any defective streetlight reported to us as not working within 5 working days and repair as appropriate, provided that it is not a power supply failure by the local district operator network, which can take up to 20 days to repair the supply fault.
- Carry out monthly night time inspections on the strategic road network to identify faults, and relying on the public to report faults on non-strategic roads and within residential areas.
- Carry out a planned programme of routine cyclical maintenance to clean & change lamps on a 3-yearly basis depending on lamp type/specification to ensure good operation of equipment and for electrical and structural safety.
- Carry out a planned programme of electrical testing which is a statutory requirement ever 6-years.
- Carry out an annual programme of non-destructive testing, only replacing those columns at greatest risk of collapse or that come to the end of their serviceable life prior to them collapsing.
- Make dangerous equipment safe within 2 hours of the contractor receiving a report of damage through accident or vandalism.
- Replace street lights that are demolished through accident damage within 14 days.
- Focus capital spending on column replacement on a 5-year rolling programme.
- Focus capital spending on the use of new energy efficient technologies to expand LED and dimming projects to reduce energy costs.

It is proposed that in the short-term an interim emergency policy is applied which would mean:

- Emergency & Out of hours cover only to attend electrical and structural highway apparatus which is deemed dangerous within target response timescales of 3hr, 24hr.
- Private cable networks faults repaired within 10 days
- Emergencies requested by Police & Fire Service to attend site.

Key specific changes to propose with regard to the contract provision and the expected impact are identified in the table below:

Current Contract Provision	Proposed interim Provision	Likely Impact
Emergency & Out of hours cover to attend electrical and structural highway apparatus which is deemed dangerous within target response timescales of 2hr, 24hr and 48hr. (I.e. knock-down columns & signs, vandalism, electrical wires exposed, door off, bowl & canopy hanging etc.).	Revised target response timescales to 3hr or 24hr	Minor
Maintenance of illuminated speed limit signs-outages	No provision	Major - Once illumination ceases to function speed limits will become un-enforceable by Police
Private cable networks – currently repaired with 5 days	To be repaired within 10 days	Major - may increase the volume of complaints if

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		service cable not repaired and the highway electrical apparatus not operational at junctions/ interchange. (I.e. Botley, Peartree, Kennington etc.)
Traffic lights/Crossings supplies if private.	Change of target response timescales to 3hr for emergency attendance.	Minor
Real time bus information	No provision	Minor
Speed cameras maintenance of supplies & emergency attendance.	Revised target response timescales to 3hr or 24hr	Minor
CCTV – supply post and power supplies for 3 rd parties	No provision	Minor – alternative provisions can and will need to be sort by third parties who are registered with the Highway Electrical Association and with our prior approval.
Pay & display machines	Change of target response timescales to 3hr for emergency attendance.	Minor - May be a small loss of income.
Routine maintenance (a service which is carried out on each unit) on a rolling 3 year cycle & 2 year for illuminated signs to reduce future costs & ensure operation/condition of the asset.	No provision	Major – May lead to a high volume of units not operating due to lamp failures, or which have gone beyond designed lifespan.
Re-locating existing highway apparatus near driveways which are to be extended or new bellmouth access for a development.	No provision	Major – impact on new housing developments Utilities companies and provide resident’s requesting drop kerbs this may have an impact on the Council’s reputation
Tree Pruning	No provision	Minor – but considerable impact on local communities
Non-routine maintenance (Fault Repairs) from 3 to 5 days.	No provision	Major – as this will have a high volume of units not working due to lamp/component failures. May occur additional future costs for repairs.
Christmas Decorations power supplies & control box management / licenses	No provision	Minor – alternative provisions can and will need to be sort by third parties with prior approval & licence from OCC.