
**Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet, held in Committee Room 1
County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH on Tuesday, 23 May 2017****Present:**

Name	Cabinet Member Responsibility
Councillor David Finch	Leader of the Council (Chairman)
Councillor Kevin Bentley	Deputy Leader and Economic Growth, Skills, Infrastructure and the Digital Economy (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Susan Barker	Culture, Communities and Culture
Councillor Ray Gooding	Education
Councillor Ian Grundy	Highways
Councillor Sue Lissimore	Housing, Property and Planning
Councillor Dick Madden	Children and Families
Councillor John Spence	Health and Adult Social Care

Councillors J Aldridge (Chairman of Essex County Council), T Ball, J Beavis, I Henderson, S Hillier, M Mackrory, Dr R Moore and C Pond also attended.

1 Manchester Arena Attack

The meeting commenced with one minute's silence in memory of the victims of the terror attack on Manchester Arena the previous evening. The Leader, on behalf of the Council, expressed condolences to the relatives of those killed in the attack, and sympathy to those who had been injured.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Louise McKinlay (Cabinet Member for Resources) and Simon Walsh (Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste).

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 21 March 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman reminded Members to declare any interests now or at the point during the meeting at which they arose.

5 Questions from the Public

None.

6 Installation of LED Street Lighting Phase 3 (FP/811/04/17)

The Cabinet considered a proposal to convert 23,284 High Wattage part night street lights to LED technology.

The following information was provided in response to questions by Councillors Henderson, Mackrory and Pond (on behalf of Councillor James Abbott):

- The Cabinet Member for Highways was confident that the proposal by Ringway Jacobs represented good value for money.
- Once Phase 3 of the project had been completed, a high proportion of street lights in the County would have been converted to LED. Although in general it would be desirable to convert all the remaining street lights in due course, the level of financial savings was linked to the level of usage of the individual lights. Taking this into account, a review would be undertaken to identify which, if any, of the remaining lights would benefit from conversion.
- It was noted that any redundant lighting columns should be removed before conversion.
- The Cabinet Member for Highways undertook to provide a response to Councillor Pond outside the meeting clarifying whether consideration had been given to using a warmer tone of LED light, and whether it was possible for lights close to residential properties to be dimmed as the night progressed.
- The Leader of the Council confirmed that he was satisfied that previous decisions taken by the Cabinet in respect of part night lighting had represented the most appropriate course of action at the time. A move to LED lighting was now beneficial in view of improvements to the available technology.

Resolved:

1. That up to £9.1m as a new entry to the published Capital Programme for the third phase of LED streetlight implementation can be spent on the installation of LED lighting units on the basis of the savings projections contained in report FP/811/17.
2. That the work be commissioned directly from Ringway Jacobs Limited in accordance with the long term highways partnership agreement.
3. That authority be delegated to the Director, Highways and Transportation to agree the technical specification and to issue an order to Ringway Jacobs to complete installation.

Chairman