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Title of report	CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT (May 2021) DEPARTMENT: Residents Services SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: Street Lighting Replacement Programme 2021/22 RELEASE NO: 1
Reference No.	CMD 153
Date of decision	14 June 2021
Call-in expiry date	5pm, on 21 June 2021
Relevant Select Committee(s)	Public Safety & Transport Select Committee
Relevant Ward(s)	All

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor John Riley - Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport Councillor Martin Goddard - Cabinet Member for Finance
DECISION	That the Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport and the Cabinet Member for Finance agree to the following capital release request of £595k from the Street Lighting Replacement Programme 2021/22 capital budget for the funding of replacing lighting columns that have reached the end of their useful economic life and column painting. (Appendix A).
Reason for decision	<p>A current major issue is the structural deterioration of the ageing lighting column stock. The vast majority of columns in the Borough are galvanised mild steel which have corroded below ground level. A phased column replacement programme was previously not undertaken for many years resulting in a high risk of structural failures if continued investment is delayed any further.</p> <p>The project consists of the prioritised based replacement of lighting columns that have reached the end of their life expectancy. The priority is determined from structural testing and inspections. The 2021/22 replacement programme of 436 columns is based on the results from the structural testing of 2500 columns undertaken in 2019. The project also consists of the lighting column painting.</p>

	<p>These works will be undertaken by our street lighting term service contractor J McCann. This capital scheme will deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved asset condition – resulting in a significantly reduced risk of failure due to poor condition. • To ensure that the lighting installed across the Borough is consistent and adheres with current guidance and standards. • Value-for-money and reduced maintenance costs – reduce the ongoing cost of routine maintenance and non-routine maintenance. • The structural testing will help to identify the high-risk areas to eliminate the risk of catastrophic structural column failure in a timely manner. The consequences of such failure may result in injury, death or damage to property.
Alternative options considered and rejected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make safe columns identified as defective and in need of replacement by cutting them down without replacement - this would leave roads without street lighting. • To follow the previous maintenance policy by carrying out reactive maintenance work only without a planned column replacement programme. • To find alternative funding.
Classification	Public
Link to report (if public)	Here
Relevant Officer contact	Poonam Pathak – Infrastructure, Transport & Building Services

Decision implementation

Where required, these decisions have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Officers can implement this decision from: **Monday 21 June 2021– from 5pm**

...unless this is called in by the relevant Select Committee set out above. Officers will be notified of any call-in received.

Further information

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