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Mrs. K. Allen (Clerk),
North Cotes Parish Council,
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GRIMSBY,
DN36 5QH

Dear Parish Council,

Re: ELDC Transformation Programme – Footway Lighting.

Thank you to those Town and Parish Councils that have taken the opportunity to respond to the recent consultation in respect of footway lighting.

The District Council received a range of views from Parish Councils, with some agreeing to take on lights in their area; some requiring additional information before taking a decision and some stating they didn't wish to take on the lights.

After reviewing the responses received, the Council is putting forward a revised proposal to Town and Parish Councils as detailed in this letter. I hope this will go some way to addressing the concerns raised with us in respect of managing the lighting, particularly in smaller parishes. The revised proposal also offers Parishes that do wish to take on the lights the benefit of a District wide contract covering electricity and maintenance. Therefore, Parishes that have previously made a decision to not take on the future responsibility for lighting are now given the opportunity to reconsider their position based on our proposals.

The proposal

The District Council is proposing to retain ownership of the footway lighting and overseeing its management and maintenance on a full cost recovery basis. This means if a Town or Parish Council does wish to continue with footway lighting the District Council would invoice each Parish Council for the costs incurred. We begin to charge from 1st November 2016 and then invoice the Parish with the actual costs at the beginning of November 2017 the next year, which with your prior agreement would be collected from the parish precept paid in April 2018 the following year. This arrangement, we hope, will take the uncertainty out of the Parish Council's precepting.

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Parishes wishing to take on the lights will need to factor into their budgeting the need for replacement lighting columns should any become damaged or reach the end of their life etc. However, I can confirm that for the first 3 years of the new arrangement where a parish council has opted into the scheme ELDC will meet the cost any lighting column that needs replacing. This will include installation and a like for like lantern replacement if required.

If a Parish chooses to not take on the future costs for the footway lighting, the District Council will look to turn off the footway lights in those Parishes from 2017 (subject to final decision and exact date to be notified nearer the time).

The estimated annual cost for your Parish based on the previously provided data and inclusive of management from 1st November 2016 is summarised as follows:

Electricity	£2,224.26
Maintenance	£1,408.00
Total Estimated Cost	<u>£3,632.26</u>

The cost of a replacement lighting column is £302.22 + VAT for a standard 5m galvanised steel column including a 35w SOX lantern and installation.

It is noted from the consultation that a number of enquiries were made in relation to energy efficiency upgrades and we would be happy to work with you on this in the future by offering advice, costings and project management support.

We anticipate that decisions in regard to the future delivery of footway lighting will be taken in the early Summer fully taking into account the comments and feedback received from Parish and Town Councils, which will be fed into the options appraisal put before executive board Members for consideration.

It would be appreciated if the Parish could confirm whether it wishes to opt into the scheme or out of the scheme by no later than Friday 27th May 2016 and I would be grateful if you could respond direct by e-mail to scott.ashdown@e-lindsey.gov.uk or alternatively by post to the above address.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully,



Councillor Nick Guyatt,
Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property