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Croydon & Lewisham Street Lighting Joint Committee

Meeting of held on Thursday, 12 October 2017 at 6.30 pm in F10 - Town Hall

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Kevin Bonavia (Chair);
Councillor Stuart King (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Robert Canning

PART A

8/17 **Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair**

The Committee Clerk called for nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year to May 2018.

Councillor Robert Canning proposed Councillor Kevin Bonavia for Chair and this was seconded by Councillor Stuart King and unanimously agreed, so Councillor Kevin Bonavia was elected Chair.

The Chair then called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Councillor Stuart King was proposed by Councillor Kevin Bonavia and seconded by Councillor Robert Canning and this was unanimously agreed, so Councillor Stuart King was elected Vice-Chair.

9/17 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 March 2017 be signed as a correct record.

10/17 **Disclosure of Interest**

There were no disclosures of a pecuniary interest not already registered.

11/17 **Urgent Business (if any)**

There was none.

12/17 **Joint Street Lighting PFI Update**

Steve Iles (Director of Streets) summarised the main points of the report:

PS1 is now completed and PS2 is being overachieved, so these reports will be omitted in future.

Offgen and UK Power Networks are not meeting the repairs deadlines and have been required to pay compensation. Skanska and the local authorities are UK Power Networks to task. An officers' group is overseeing performance.

There are a number of long standing faults in Croydon.

For the rest of the performance standards, the contract is working well overall. Section 5 is about the requirement under the contract for the Committee to submit estimates for approval by November. Anticipated costs for 2018-19 are £10.4m. The charge will be 64/36% split (Croydon/Lewisham).

The two authorities need to approve £2.5m for Croydon and £1.4m for Lewisham.

Cllr Robert Canning queried whether the completion of the investment programme included removal of the old stumps, as there are some left in Roman Way.

Officers pointed out that stumps are on TfL roads are their responsibility. There is a TfL programme to remove old from Croydon stumps but some may have to remain.

Cllr Kevin Bonavia asked about the savings by dimming lights by 25%, which is not visible to the naked eye. He asked if there had been any complaints.

Officers explained that the practice began in November 2016 but bills are only just coming in and are starting to show savings. There have been no complaints. The practice of dimming the lights has been boroughwide since August – it is policy now. The flexibility exists to turn down lights in specific areas.

Cllr Stuart King asked if there had been a public announcement when the light dimming started in November 2016 and the officers confirmed there had not been any publicity. The report went through Lewisham Cabinet but was not publicised. It was also referred to in the Budget Savings report.

Cllr Kevin Bonavia asked if the budgets going forward were in line with estimates and officers confirmed they were as anticipated. Sizeable penalties have been paid by Skanska, so there may be an opportunity to offset some costs. Financial officers are doing a piece of work on it.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- **NOTE** the completion of the Core Investment Programme (CIP) for both Croydon and Lewisham;
- **NOTE** the performance of Service Provider in respect of the street lighting PFI for February 2017–August 2017;
- **APPROVE** the proposed unitary charges for 2018/19 of £2.5m for

Croydon and £1.4m for Lewisham (based on a 64% to 36% split).

13/17 **Exclusion of the Press & Public**

Councillor Kevin Bonavia proposed to move into part B as, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the following item of business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Paragraph 3 in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

Councillor Robert Canning seconded moving into Part B and the Committee agreed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 6.52 pm

Signed:

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