

# STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Questions to Portfolio Holders

### Service Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Panel Wednesday 14 July 2021

#### Question received from Councillor Page: -

**Q1.** “Staffordshire County Council in partnership with EON are replacing 47,000 conventional bulbs with LED lighting as part of a project to upgrade the County’s street lights and reduce energy consumption. It is estimated that this will save the County £1.6 million a year in energy costs and reduce CO2 emissions by as much as 2650 tonnes per year. How many Street lamps do SMDC own and manage across the District and how many of these have been upgraded to LED lighting?”

#### **Response From Councillors Wain & Porter:**

SMDC have approximately 250 external lighting units (including street lights) spread over 33 sites. E-on also manage these light for SMDC as part of the Staffordshire wide PFI arrangements. The contract includes maintenance and replacements of some parts where these can be sourced, but not the upgrade replacements required for LEDs. These costs would need to be met from SMDC capital budgets.

We are aware that much of the stock are older style lamp fittings which are coming to the end of their product lifecycles. We are looking at a pilot project at Biddulph Leisure Centre to refurbish the 43 lanterns with LEDs. Indicative costs are £14,500 with a potential payback over a 5 year period, though these figures are subject to a more detailed project brief and business case.

We are working with E-On to see if we can develop more extensive project to look at the business case behind upgrading all the lighting, potentially adopting a phased approach that can be included in the Assets Capital Programme and Medium Term Financial Plan from the 21/22 financial year. Until then, fittings that reach the end of their life will be replaced on an adhoc basis with LED fittings by way of the Repairs and Maintenance budget.