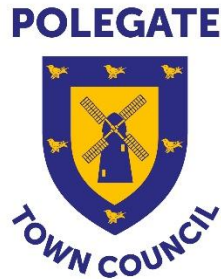


Polegate Town Council



STREET LIGHTING POLICY

Policy Number 21		
Issue No.	Date completed	Details of amendments
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9	20.05.24	Adopted at Annual Stat meeting
10	19.05.25	Adopted at Annual Stat Meeting
11	11.05.26	Adopted at Annual Stat Meeting

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 A review of the street lighting was initiated by the Town Council in response to East Sussex County Council (ESCC) changing over to part-night lighting. Several issues were raised about the age of the street lighting columns and the lack of provision for an ongoing replacement schedule. Provision has now been made for replacements and an ongoing annual budget.
- 1.2 The 'DV' sheets (hammer and visual checks carried out by ESCC street lighting subcontractors) were considered a fair indication of the condition of the columns. However, ESCC advised that full electrical testing or a push-pull test was the definitive test for metal columns. The Town Council carried out electrical testing on columns.
- 1.3 The report indicated that many columns were in poor condition at that time and should be replaced as soon as possible. These have since been replaced following inaccuracies in the metal tests and further push-pull tests. These columns are now monitored by the Town Council's street lighting contractor.
- 1.4 As part of the review, the Council decided to install part-night lighting in certain locations in line with (at the time) ESCC's policy. All lighting, except the High Street, is now part-night lit based on the areas ESCC designated (green, yellow and pink routes) and, in most areas, have been converted to LED. The changeover to part-night lighting was agreed using ESCC's route classifications: green for important routes, yellow for routes considered high use, and pink for side roads and residential areas (please see the map at the end of this policy). Some areas were already adopted by ESCC. ESCC columns are denoted by numbers and the Town Council columns by letters. The Council also decided not to paint new columns, except those designated rural by ESCC (Few fall into this category).
- 1.5 Repair, maintenance and end-of-life replacement costs are now set aside in earmarked reserves, with an annual sum included in the budget. It was resolved that any year-end surplus would be transferred into the earmarked reserves, with an annual sum included in the budget. It was resolved that any year-end surplus would be transferred into the earmarked reserves to help meet any future costs.
- 1.6 The Council also resolved to replace all green decorative lanterns in the High Street on a like-for-like basis (this has now taken place) and, where possible to convert to LED.
- 1.7 The Town Council also investigated handing columns over to ESCC for future maintenance, as this had been done in other areas. However, the requirements for design to ESCC's standards and a commuted sum for future maintenance meant this option was not affordable.

2. Policy Decisions

Part Night Lighting

- All columns within the pink routes will change over to part night lighting cells.
- Some columns in yellow routes would change over to part night cells. Any columns remaining on all-night operation will be determined following advice from ESCC (often near junctions)
- All columns in Green routes will remain on standard photocells, unless the Police or the Town Council resolves otherwise.

LED Lighting

- All new columns will be fitted with LED lanterns, and all lantern replacements will be converted to LED wherever practicable.
- Where the police request that an area operates with all night lighting, the Council will consider the request and may resolve to revert that area to all-night operation.
- The Council will not remove amenity lighting that has previously been maintained by the Town Council.
- The Council considers a handover to ESCC but not currently, affordable; it may be considered again in the future.

A key is provided below indicating the style of part night/ all night lighting within the Polegate area.

	White light lanterns providing all night lighting with 50% dimming between 00:00 and 06:00
	Part night lighting to be introduced with lights off between 00:30 and 05:30
	50% of the units switched off between 00:30 and 05:30. Remaining units on all night to provide reduced lighting on estate distributor connecting roads.

Statement prepared for adoption by Polegate Town Council at its meeting on 11.05.26

Signed by

Mayor of Polegate

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