



COMMUNITY COUNCIL LIAISON SUB-COMMITTEE – 24TH JULY 2023

BRIEFING NOTE: MATTERS RAISED BY TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

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1. CAERPHILLY WELLBEING PLAN UPDATE

Officer will be in attendance.

2. UPDATE ON CCBC'S PARKING ENFORCEMENT SERVICE

As requested, a list of enforcement notices issued in a 12-month period will be circulated to all Clerks and Committee Members prior to the meeting.

Members are asked to note that this data cannot be extracted on a ward-by-ward basis.

In reference to the query raised by Community Councils in relation to patrols being undertaken in vehicles. As confirmed by Officers at the last meeting patrols are undertaken both on foot and in vehicles.

3. STREET LIGHTING REVIEW

As confirmed by Officers at the last meeting, there will be no change to Caerphilly Council Policy in relation to part-night lighting.

In reference to the query raised by Community Councils to Newport City Council's policy on part night lighting the links and extracts below are provided, Newport City Council agreed the move to city wide part night lighting at its meeting on the 28th February 2023 as part of its 2023/24 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan and this policy was referred to in the Community Council Liaison Committee meeting on the 3rd April.

Extract from Newport City Website below:

Part-night lighting scheme

Because of increasing energy bills and the council's commitment to reduce its carbon footprint, alternate street lights throughout the city have reduced lighting times between midnight and 6am.

Reasons

- The part-night lighting scheme will help achieve a saving of £320,000
- For every street light switched off, the council guarantees that the saving will be directed to supporting key council services
- Reducing night time lighting will reduce the city's carbon footprint by over 1,200 tons a year

Safety

No schemes that put residents' personal safety at risk or which cost more for the police and other public services will be introduced.

The part-night lighting scheme can only work with the support of residents, each accepting a small local change to help make a big difference for Newport.

A proposal to extend the night-time switch offs is being considered as part of the 2023-24 budget. [The proposal can be viewed here.](#)

Link to full proposals that relate to the extract below: -

[2023-24 Proposal summaries table v3 cop 8Dec22 \(newport.gov.uk\)](#)

EXTRACT

Infrastructure	Streetlighting Switch off 00:00 to 06:00 (excluding safety critical sites) and Reduction in Maintenance	300	70	0
Half of all city street lighting currently operates on a part-time basis where alternate lights switch off between midnight and 06:00 hrs. This reduces energy consumption overnight when the highway usage is minimal.				
It is proposed to extend this approach to all streetlights citywide, with the exception of safety critical sites identified by road safety audits.				
It is also proposed to reduce the streetlight maintenance budget. This will be supported by a review of the prioritisation process to ensure high risk/high impact maintenance is prioritised. Energy consumption and associated costs would be reduced, as would carbon emissions, contributing to the council's commitment to be carbon net zero by 2030.				
The identification of safety-critical sites would be achieved through detailed audits and investment would also be made in road markings and safety signs. All-night lighting would continue at safety-critical sites. Improvements would be made to road markings and safety signage. High risk/high impact repairs and maintenance would be prioritised.				

Link to Council report and Budget Proposals below – Street Lighting Switch Off extract above as agreed at the meeting of Council on the 28th February 2023.

[\(Public Pack\)Agenda Document for Council, 28/02/2023 17:00 \(newport.gov.uk\)](#)

4. GRASS CUTTING REGIMES

Cabinet Report Attached.

Officers will attend the next meeting of the Community Council Liaison Sub Committee on the 20th November 2023 and provide a full update in relation to Grass Cutting Regimes and Biodiversity.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Grass Cutting Regimes – Cabinet Report March 2023.