

## Summary Fair Treatment Assessment (FTA)

<b>Area for Assessment:</b>		
<b>Name of service or function etc</b>	Street Lighting – A strategy for 2012 to 2022	
<b>Which Service does this affect?</b>	Highway Services	
<b>Is this a new, existing or revised function?</b>	Existing	
<b>Summary of findings:</b>		
<b>Main conclusions on the likely impact of the function on different equality groups (protected characteristics):</b>		
<p>The street lighting service is currently responsible for the 23,501 street lighting units, 2,595 road signs and 1,727 bollards that are illuminated on the Borough's road network. In response to changes within the wider street lighting industry and following a review of best practice, Solihull has developed a new strategy for the service area. This strategy intends to provide a vision of the service through to 2022.</p> <p>In summary, this assessment has identified that street lighting that is modern, well designed, installed and maintained can provide a number of benefits to the community, particularly in helping to address feelings of being vulnerable after dark by elderly persons, those with disabilities and females. This assessment has also identified that the provision of quality lighting is of more importance in the Regeneration wards, where feeling of safety reduces more so during hours of darkness than in other parts of the Borough. This assessment has also identified that quality street lighting can result in enhanced decision making by road users, particularly those who are elderly and may have sensory or visual impairments and those who are younger and may lack situational experience. In addition, this assessment has also identified that the positioning and colouring of lighting columns can have an impact on elderly persons, parents with pushchairs/prams and those with disabilities.</p> <p>The new strategy for street lighting seeks to address the negative impacts summarised above through various strategic aims and associated objectives. The draft strategy recognises the benefits that can be realised from street lighting and identifies the need to upgrade lighting stock, with a particular need to replace the Borough's Mercury Blended Filament Units that are considered to be of poor quality. The strategy also recognises the difficulties that street lighting columns can pose to particular road user groups and aims to ensure that new or replacement schemes address such issues wherever possible.</p>		
<b>Actions:</b>		
<b>Actions identified to address negative impacts identified or to better promote equality, human rights, cohesive and sustainable communities and safeguarding issues</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Monitoring of, disability and sex/gender of those contacting/requesting the service area to ensure that impact of any future new or replacement street lighting equipment does not adversely affect a particular user group.	To understand whether different views on the service area can be obtained according to age, disability and/or sex/gender and to ensure that the most appropriate equipment is installed for the differing needs of each of these user groups.	April 2013
Ensure that poor lighting does not negatively impact elderly persons, young children, those with disabilities (particularly those with visual impairments), those with young children and those who may be socio-economically disadvantaged.	The new strategy for street lighting has identified a need to replace MBFU lamps that are currently in operation across the Borough and which are poor in terms of light output and quality when compared with	April 2013 onwards

	<p>modern alternatives.</p> <p>The new strategy identifies that white light will be adopted as standard in town centres and areas of high pedestrian activity. As there can be some difference in white lighting products, appropriate consultation will be completed with those persons who may be visually impaired to ensure that their needs are taken into account.</p>	
<p>Ensure that the positioning and colouring of lighting unities does not negatively impact on those with disabilities or those who may</p>	<p>The new strategy for street lighting states that new or replacement columns/posts will be located at the back of the footway wherever possible to ensure any obstruction is minimised. Where this is not possible, alternative locations for the column will be considered as part of the design process. In addition, the new strategy has identified a need for yellow reflective banding to be fitted on appropriate street lighting units across the Borough to ensure that they can be identified by those with visual impairments.</p>	<p>December 2013</p>
<p>Via the main Council website, promote the work that the service area undertakes to address any negative impact on the various groups of people identified in the assessment.</p>	<p>The creation of new webpages promoting the work of the service area.</p>	<p>February 2013</p>
<p><b>Date Assessment Signed Off</b></p>	<p>25<sup>th</sup> February 2013</p>	