

Neighbourhoods and Regeneration

PUBLIC REALM DIVISION

STREETSCENE SERVICE

Highways & Engineering Group

London Boroughs Street Lighting Benchmarking Group

Notes of meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2006, Hackney Town Hall.

1) Present

Chris Warner	Waltham Forest
Tim Edwards	Hillingdon
Paul Dillon	Sutton
Roy Walker	Hammersmith and Fulham
Paul Stack	Kingston
Eddie Henry	Southwark
Mick Lucas	Southwark
Bill Neate	Newham
Steve Lain	Haringey
Demos Kettenis	Haringey
Andrew Porter	Hounslow
Annette Bowdery	Islington
John Bowdery	Harrow
Alan Shields	Enfield
Peter Withers	Croydon
Trevor Rawson	Hackney
Georgina Staines	Hackney
Steve Carroll	Hackney
Carl Woodward	Hackney

Apologies

John Burke	Corporation of London
Fred Frost	Richmond
Stan Harvey	Bromley
Peter James	Southwark
Ron Thorogood	Newham
Mick Trussler	Redbridge
Sebastian Navaranjan	Ealing

2) BVPI 215 - Clarification

Just to close off this issue, the Audit Commission have advised that Boroughs are not obliged to include night scout data, however if the information is available it should be included with faults reported by the public.

3) Data and Methodology

Carl (LB Hackney) has compiled a spreadsheet of indicators for all London Boroughs, this will be circulated in the near future for completion by all. Issues raised by the group include:

- a. Whether or not length of roads include footways or whether they should be separated into carriageway and footway lengths. Either way, this information is accessible and should be consistent with BSP data (public highway only).
- b. The accuracy of age profiles.
- c. %age of road length should be attempted, however explanations on how figures were reached should be included as comments.
- d. Budget statistic should be refined. Exclude staffing casts. Include Capital and Revenue and include exceptions and/or additions in the comments column.
- e. Include reported faults divided by the total street lighting stock in the borough to arrive at a percentage. Also include old methods.
- f. EDF service charge- an indication of various tariffs from borough to borough would be useful. However discounts vary and may be confidential. Put 'standard' or 'non-standard' and if there are more than one rate per borough.
- g. Structural testing is to be included.

4) Night Scout survey (RB Kensington & Chelsea)

Terry has since provided the results, which are attached. Two questions have been generated by this exercise :-

- a) For those who provided costs, can you please confirm to Terry if overheads were included or not?
- b) For those who use a contractor to scout, can you please confirm to Terry if it's your maintenance contractor or a totally separate one?

5) AOB-

- a. **BVPI 215a-** It was agreed that date is measured from notification. Figures shared during the meeting are as follows:

BVPI 215a

London Borough	Days
Hackney	2.36 (updated to out-turn figure)
Hammersmith and Fulham	3
Waltham Forest	3.5
Newham	3.5
Sutton	3.5
Hillingdon	1.4 (to check)
Southwark	3

Islington	5
Croydon	3
Haringey	1.89 (includes Housing)
Hounslow	2

- b. BVPI 215b-** calculations are ambiguous due to whether dates are taken from the time they are logged or the time they are reported. Figures shared during the meeting are as follows:

BVPI 215b

London Borough	Days
Haringey	22
Waltham Forest	22
Southwark	18
Croydon	24
Hounslow	18
Hammersmith and Fulham	13
Hackney	32.16 (updated to out-turn figure)
Islington	26

- c. EDF Faults-** collating EDF faults could be useful for 215a and 215b, as well as SLA data.
- d. SLA (Chris)-** Trial will probably continue (to be confirmed next week). Any info to give to Chris would be useful. Chris to provide information to Trevor next week.

LoTAG

- 1) Draft Terms of Reference were discussed, amended and agreed, final version attached. *Post meeting note: this has been passed to Dana Skelley, LoTAG Group 2 Chair, for comments, discussion etc on 9th May.)*
- 2) Name agreed as LoLEG.
- 3) Issues raised around the Terms of Reference were:
 - a. Street lighting isn't currently funded from the BSP, there is a possibility that this may change. Some funding can be secured from other BSP areas such as safety schemes.
 - b. Role of LoLEG will be wider than the ILE Liaison Group.
 - c. Meetings are to occur three monthly and be midway between LoTAG meetings.
 - d. Chair and vice-chair to be elected every two years and they are to report to Group 2 and the ILE Technical Liaison Group.
 - e. Meeting venues will vary across London.
 - f. Asset management plans are due in 2007. LoTAG is coordinating with the Chris Britton Consultancy providing some assistance.
 - g. The group is to remain as one, rather than splitting up into smaller subgroups.
 - h. Trevor to explore possibility of TfL funding for LoLEG with TfL. The Group might need treasurer in the future.
 - i. Consultants may be engaged at some future point for specific pieces of work.
 - j. The possibility of having a deputy from each Council was agreed.
 - k. Trevor to try and resolve TfL representation. *Post meeting note: TfL's rep is Dave Johnson.*
- 4) DNO issues- Chris raised SLA issues earlier. This hasn't been a resounding success as a result of EDF restructure and new staffing. Not everyone has participated with the SLA, making their own progress instead.

AOB

- 1) Eddie Henry at Southwark to host next meeting at the end of June (date to be confirmed)

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