

# Hackney Neighbourhoods and Regeneration

PUBLIC REALM DIVISION

## **STREETSCENE SERVICE Highways & Engineering Group**

### **London Boroughs Street Lighting Benchmarking Group**

Minutes of meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June at ETC Venue, Avonmouth Training Centre, London SE1 6NX (LB Southwark)

#### **1) Introductions**

Present:

Alan Agent	Lewisham
Annette Bowdery	Islington
John Bowdery	Harrow
Paul Dillon	Sutton
Eddie Henry	Southwark
John Williamson	Southwark
Tim Edwards	Hillingdon
Steve Jones	Barking and Dagenham
Andrew Porter	Hounslow
Alan Shields	Enfield
Wayne Stephenson	Westminster
Ron Thorogood	Newham
Mick Trussler	Redbridge
Roy Walker	Hammersmith & Fulham
Chris Warner	Waltham Forest
Peter Withers	Croydon
Paul Stack	Kingston
Carl Woodward	Hackney
Steve Carroll	Hackney

Apologies from:

Trevor Rawson	Hackney
Terry Felstead	Kensington & Chelsea
Steve Lain	Haringey
Chris Lawson	Lambeth
Mike Wilson	Lambeth

## 2) Benchmarking

**(a) Presentation** - John Williamson from LB Southwark gave a presentation to the members on Performance and Commissioning. The main points were that;

1. It is a requirement from ODPM for monitoring performance of authorities and ensuring a duty of care is exercised
2. It can be used for drawing comparisons between authorities
3. It ensures that the needs of authority customers are being met (MORI – opinion polls)
4. That there is accountability within the authorities
5. It ensures that best value is being achieved

Monitored by the use of Performance Indicators, such indicators within the Street Lighting arena for example, could be the percentage of street lighting working in the borough, another could be the average street lighting repair time.

Other areas discussed, centred on training schemes within the industry, and what courses were available, such as G39, run by EDF in Bexley Heath. This was followed by the importance of good asset management and keeping a correct asset register and the speaker drew reference to the Lighting Industry and what the implications might be in terms of risk management.

**(b) Data assembly and spreadsheet** - Carl Woodward (Hackney) put forward recent amendments to the local authority spreadsheet, additional issues were raised resulting in further modification to be made:

1. Under “Inspection Process”, it was viewed that there should be a further distinction under “Structural”, into “Load” and “Electronic Testing”.
2. The “Visual” Inspection column should be removed, as this will be incorporated into “Load” and “Electronic testing”.
3. It was agreed that the typical length of time between electrical tests on lamp columns was 6 years and this needed to be indicated, as some authorities tested more frequently.
4. “% of roads conforming to....” is to be changed to “Number of roads”
5. “Road lengths in Kilometres” are to only include “Lit roads”
6. Under “Finance”, additions such as investment going back over the last 5 years are to be included, showing a breakdown of its source i.e. “Revenue” or “Capital”
7. “Monthly % of lights working” is to be changed to “Average monthly % of lights working”

8. Under section (E) "Energy Consumption", the section headed "EDF Service Charges" is to be reworded "Meter Charges"
9. Additional questions needed to be incorporated into the spreadsheet relating to local PI's and staffing levels
10. Discussions took place over what period of time the spreadsheet should reflect. This was left largely to the discretion of the members. But this would be looked at the next meeting.

Steve Carroll also suggested that once changes had been made, members should start using the spreadsheet to record the data, and report back at the next LOLEG meeting.

**(c) Night Scout Survey** - A question was raised on behalf of Terry Felstead concerning overheads for scouting and whether these were included or not.

Also, of those that used contractors to scout, whether work was carried out by existing maintenance contractors or totally a separate contractor for the process.

**(d) AOB** - There was no other business

### **(3) LOLEG (LoTAG Lighting Engineers Group)**

**(a) Update from LoTAG Group 2 Meeting** - National Service Agreement by end of year - DNO apart from EDF, all in agreement and working well.

**(b) Terms of Reference & Constitution** – Discussions centred on whether members wanted LoLEG to report as LoTAG Group 2 or to the Highways Maintenance Sub Group. The consensus from members was that they wanted LoLEG to report as LoTAG Group 2.

**(c) Update from CSS Lighting Group Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June - main points were;**

(1) National/Corporate type messages need to be communicated to individual LAs

(2) Energy cost issues for last years survey, no feedback given from DfT and now out of date exercise to be repeated

(3) DNOs raised quality issues re: LAs

(4) Issues with Chapter 15 (street lighting) of Assets Valuation Guide

(5) LTP issues – PI and inventory assets valuation guidelines Assts plans soon.

**(d) Representation (and deputies) at other forums** - Steve Carroll reiterated Trevor Rawson's comments suggesting that a deputy would be required and that some thought should be given to this and discussed further at the next meeting.

- (e) **DNO issues** – Chris Warner said that SLA agreements were being discussed and should be implemented by next year
- (f) **TfL funding for street lighting** - Details from John Waller that there was no further funding from London's Mayor
- (g) **PFI's in London** - There were discussions on the progress of PFIs within the authorities in attendance, with some stating that that they were working well, with others having other recently put forward application.
- (h) **AOB** - There were no other business
- (i) **Date of next meeting** - Monday, October 2nd at Hackney Town Hall, 10:30am - 4pm