

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON 17th February 2020

Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask Limerick City and County Council to provide the cost of installing the 5,200 LED lights that have already been installed under the remit of this Council.

REPLY:

SSE Airtricity-Utility Services provides a service to Limerick City and County Council, Cork County Council, Clare County Council, Kerry County Council and Waterford City and County Council for the installation of public street lights, where the existing light fittings have failed. Public lighting is a specialised area, in particular working with ESB overhead networks, and there are a limited number of contractors available to provide the service.

It has been the policy of the Council for the past number of years to replace failed lights with LED lights. This is in part due to the fact that the existing SOX/SON lights are no longer available on the market, LED lights are more energy efficient and environmentally friendly.


Approximately 5,200 out of 22,900 public lights have been upgraded to LED lights over the past 5 years. These lights were replaced on an ad hoc basis, under the SSE Airtricity-Utility Services contract, as the lights have failed.

There are a number of variables which have to be considered when putting a cost on the replacement of failed lights including:

- the wattage of the light – different lights producing different lux levels are used in different locations e.g. national roads, towns and villages, housing estates;
- the location of the light;
- the works requirements for replacing the light – cabling work associated with unbundling, installation of micro pillars, bracket replacement, ESB attendance costs, Traffic management costs, civil works, column replacement;
- health and safety considerations associated with traffic, overhead electric or fibre optic cables, trees etc.

The table below sets out the current average cost of replacement LED lights. Please note that these costs do not include for cabling work associated with unbundling, installation of micro pillars, bracket or column replacement, ESB attendance costs, Traffic management costs, civil works where required, or for procurement, design, project management and supervision costs.

| Wattage of LED light | Average Cost € ex VAT | Replacing |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 100w LED lamp and photocell | €730 | (replaces 250W and 400W son) |
| 80w LED lamp and photocell | €660 | (replaces 150W son, 135W sox and 125W son) |
| 60w LED lamp and photocell | €530 | (replaces 70W son and 100W son) |
| 40w LED lamp and photocell | €300 | (replaces 55W sox and LED replacement bulbs) |



Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Physical Development Directorate.
13th February, 2020.



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Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on 17th February 2020.

Question Submitted by Councillor E O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting for a detailed report of the consultation done with businesses during the Parnell, Davis and Wickham Street works and the retail strategy for these streets.

Reply:

The formal public consultation on these projects took place during the Part 8 Planning process. Regular informal consultation with business owners / operators took place during the course of the works on issues ranging from the proposed development to day-to-day business operational issues.

The policy and strategy related to retail in Limerick City is set out in the Limerick City Development Plan 2010-2016 (as extended). The policy on retail will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the new Development Plan to be commenced in mid-2020.

Seamus Hanrahan
A/Director of Service
14th February 2020

Metropolitan District of Limerick

Meeting to be held on Monday, 17th February 2020

Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting for an update on the motion passed by Council in relation to a night time strategy and appointing a night mayor.

REPLY:

The development of a night time strategy is currently being discussed and is being led by the Economic Development Department. Discussions are ongoing with the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Service in Economic Development. A detailed report will be presented to the next Metropolitan District meeting.

**Gordon Daly
Director of Service
Community Development Directorate**

13th February 2020