

NOTICE OF MOTION – CLLR A-M BARKER – GOLDSWORTH PARK LAKE FOOTPATH LIGHTING

Executive Summary

At its meeting on 2 December 2021, the Council referred the following Notice of Motion to the Executive.

Councillor A-M Barker

“Motion to update Goldsworth Park lake footpath lighting to LED system

Council notes that

Taking exercise in the open air has become increasingly popular in a Covid world.

Reducing journeys by carbon emitting vehicles is good for the climate change agenda.

Goldsworth Park lake path provides both a pleasant and enjoyable environment for exercise and a walking route for journeys across and around Goldsworth Park.

Well lit paths encourage use of walking routes, particularly in winter months.

Many people will not use paths with significant dark spots.

There have been recent failures of lights on the Goldsworth lake path and SERCO are struggling to find parts to fix the lights.

Unlike most lighting in the borough the lights around Goldsworth Park lake are the responsibility of Woking Council.

Surrey County Council is converting all of its lighting stock to more environmentally friendly LED lights, which last longer and have fewer problems.

Council calls for:

A review of options to secure replacement LED lighting for Goldsworth Park lake footpath, to include:

Investigating whether Surrey would take on the responsibility for these lights as there may be economies of scale to upgrade these lights alongside work on their own lighting stock

Exploring funding options from environmental funders to update the lights.

Look for funding that may be available from crime and safety budgets, including those held by the Police and Crime Commissioner.”

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Officer Comment

“Officers have reviewed options to upgrade lighting around Goldsworth Park lake to introduce LED lights and funding options will continue to be explored. We are awaiting a formal response from Surrey County Council in terms of future maintenance options. However, more recently as it has proven difficult to source and maintain the existing lighting, two of the lights have been replaced with LED lights and we will take the opportunity to gain feedback on the effectiveness of the new lights before making further plans.”

Background Papers: None.

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