



Westmorland
& Furness
Council

Appendix 1

Councils approach to Harmonisation, Upgrading and Futureproofing of Lighting Stock

Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee

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Former District Footway Lighting Arrangements and Policies

Eden District

- Currently have a footway lighting policy which transferred lighting units into parish ownership
- Any lighting which falls outside this category is classed as unadopted.
 - Once unit fails it will be removed and disconnected from ENWL network.
 - Parishes pressured to except footway lighting or be faced with no lighting at all in the future.
 - Causes numerous complaints from customers asking why some units are not getting repaired.
 - Currently have an ongoing maintenance contract with Urbaser

Area	District Lighting	Parish Lighting
Eden	712*	535

(*) 712 units not adopted or transferred onto a Parish Council. Under Eden District Lighting Policy once these units fail, they will not be replaced but programmed to be disconnected and removed. Currently 294 units have been removed.



Former District Footway Lighting Arrangements and Policies

South Lakeland District

- No known issues with this stock.
- Previously had an understanding with former Cumbria County Council Lighting Team to undertake maintenance. This work was recharged.
- Good inventory and location data with minimal disputes on ownership.
- Maintenance activities are now undertaken by Westmorland and Furness Lighting Team

Area	District Lighting	Parish Lighting
South Lakeland	583	240



Former District Footway Lighting Arrangements and Policies

Barrow Borough Council

- Previously only owned lighting on footpaths with limited access
- Limited inventory with numerous disputes with unit ownership with former Cumbria County Council Lighting Team.
- No evidence or knowledge from former staff members if energy for lighting has ever been paid.
- Current maintenance contract with Optech.

Area	District Lighting	Parish Lighting
Barrow	440	0



Former District Footway Lighting Arrangements and Policies

Overall

- Each district has had similar issues with asset ownership, leading to confusion and lack of action on faulty lighting
- Standard of stock is known to be poor as no maintenance intervention has occurred for numerous years
- Lack of substantial investment within footway lighting stock.
- Numerous departments within W&F are still acting as the footway asset owner
 - Causes confusion as different fault reporting systems are still being used – not all staff have access

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