

2024-25 Concrete Column Replacement Programme

Background

In 2022, a streetlight inspection categorised all Town Council-owned concrete columns as Category 5, requiring replacement within five years.

In October 2022, under minute 330/22 the Town Council approved a phased replacement programme: - *actual minute from 6.10.22 Amenities and Services Committee Minutes copied below for context*

Resolved:- to recommend that the quote received from the Streetlighting Contractor for the replacement of 21 columns and 3 feeder pillars is approved and that sufficient allocation is made in future budgets for the replacement of the remaining 74 concrete columns.

This replacement plan started in 2023

- **2023:** Replaced 21 columns and 3 feeder pillars.
- **2024:** Replaced 16 columns and 1 pole bracket (Trentham Road area) for £37,642.

2024-25 Columns Replacement Plan

- **Scope:** Replace 16 columns north of Pym's Road and west of Whitchurch Road. This will leave 37 concrete columns for future replacement.
- **Contractor:** Work will be carried out under the existing 2023–26 Streetlighting Maintenance Contract.
- **Cost:** Quoted at £36,628 + VAT, excluding a Shropshire Council Section 50 permit (£450).

Budget Implications

- **Budget Available in 2024-25 Streetlight Upgrade budget :** £35,000.
- **Additional Funding Needed:** £1,628 + S50 permit cost (approx £450), to be covered by underspend in the street lighting repairs budget.
- **Cost-Saving Measure:** Grouping replacements geographically minimises permit costs.

Decision required.

Councillors are asked to:

1. Approve the 16 columns identified for replacement in the 2024-25 programme.
2. Approve the contractor's quote for the work.