

Environmental Information Regulations – Response - 27893

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information relating to Suffolk County Council's street lighting programme and the policy of switching off certain street lights after midnight, introduced in August 2011.

1. The total amount of money saved by Suffolk County Council as a result of switching off street lights after midnight since the policy was introduced in August 2011.

2. If available, a breakdown of these savings by financial year.

This information is not available as the asset has changed considerably over time following the introduction of LED. Savings from these technologies and part night lighting have cumulatively reduced overall energy consumption.

3. The total annual expenditure on operating street lights in Suffolk, excluding maintenance costs, for each financial year from 2011/12 to the most recent year for which figures are available.

Q3 was subject to a request for clarification and has been re-worded as follows:

The total annual expenditure on operating streetlights in Suffolk, with a breakdown of maintenance costs, electricity costs and staffing costs for each financial year from 2011/12 to the most recent year for which figures are available.

Figures provided below and only available from 2019/2020:

Maintenance - costs payable to the contractor for carrying out the maintenance service.

Nett Staff Costs – council staff costs attributed to the maintenance operation.

Energy costs – costs associated with the county council owned lighting assets.

Not included within the costs is the contractor's local management overhead as maintenance costs are not separated.

Year	Nett Staff Costs	Maintenance	Energy
2019-20	£25,547.89	£1,169,614.98	£ 2,509,238.00
2020-21	£30,874.14	£1,252,152.69	£ 2,342,453.00
2021-22	£162,412.11	£1,229,425.17	£ 2,056,808.00
2022-23	£84,022.19	£1,482,214.54	£ 3,119,843.00
2023-24	£121,389.82	£2,048,604.56	£ 1,870,938.00
2024-25	£44,078.77	£1,734,639.18	£ 1,642,484.00
2025-26	£109,645.81	£1,794,098.17	£ 1,287,712.00

4. For the most recent financial year available:

o The total electricity cost of running street lighting.

o The total number of street lights operated by Suffolk County Council.

a) 2025/26 total electricity cost for all lighting assets (other assets such as illuminated signs and bollards, architectural lighting, are not separated out) – £1,287,712.00.

b) 72,928 assets (all types) including 61,125 streetlighting columns with 61,652 lanterns

5. Any reports, assessments, or summaries held by the council that quantify the financial impact of the part-night street lighting programme.

Suffolk County Council (SCC) does not hold this information.

6. Please provide any business cases, cabinet reports, briefing papers, financial assessments, or other documents that compare the projected savings from the part-night street lighting scheme with the actual savings achieved since its implementation.

Suffolk County Council (SCC) does not hold this information.

7. If such comparisons have been undertaken, please provide details of:

o The original forecast savings associated with the scheme.

o The actual savings achieved.

o Any explanation for significant variances between forecast and actual savings.

a) Original forecast savings for scheme, not including any borrowing costs, was £550k per annum

b) SCC does not hold this information

c) Any variances that have occurred would mainly be from the use of LED technologies and the increases in energy costs.

8. Please provide details of the scope of the part-night street lighting policy, including:

- The number of street lights originally included in the scheme when it was introduced in August 2011.

- The number of street lights currently subject to part-night operation.

- Any changes to the policy since August 2011, including expansions, reductions, exemptions, or areas where all-night lighting has been reinstated.

- The criteria used to determine whether a street light is subject to part-night operation or remains illuminated throughout the night.

a) SCC does not hold this information. From the 2010 Cabinet Report there is mention of 'equating to approximately 40,000'

b) Currently there are 41,624 assets currently on part night operation

c) The switch off times have been amended from midnight to 05:30 and are now 23:30 to 06:00

d) The use of the Policy and any input, if applicable, from key stakeholders such as the Police.

9. Please provide information showing where the part-night street lighting scheme currently operates within Suffolk, including:

- The towns, villages, roads or geographical areas covered by the scheme.

- Any maps, schedules, databases or records identifying street lights subject to part-night operation.

- The criteria used to determine whether a street light or area is included in or excluded from the scheme.

a) List of towns / villages provided below

b) Map provided below

c) The use of the Policy and any input from key stakeholders such as the Police

9a)

ALDEBURGH
ALDERTON
ALDRINGHAM-CUM-
THORPE
ASHBOCKING
ASSINGTON
BACTON
BADWELL ASH
BARHAM
BARNBY
BARNHAM
BARNINGHAM
BARROW-CUM-DENHAM
BARTON MILLS
BAWDSEY
BECCLES
BECK ROW, HOLWELL
ROW
BEYTON
BILDESTON
BLUNDESTON
BOTESDALE
BOXFORD
BRAMFIELD
BRAMFORD
BRANDON
BRANTHAM
BUCKLESHAM
BUNGAY
BURES ST MARY
BURY ST EDMUNDS
CAMPSEA ASH
CAPEL ST MARY
CARLTON COLVILLE
CAVENDISH
CHEDBURGH
CHELSWORTH
CHEVINGTON
CHILTON
CLARE
CLAYDON
CODDENHAM
COMBS
COPDOCK AND
WASHBROOK
CORTON
DEBENHAM
DENNINGTON

EARL STONHAM
EAST BERGHOLT
ELLOUGH
ELMSWELL
ERISWELL
EXNING
EYE
EYKE
FELIXSTOWE
FORNHAM ALL SAINTS
FORNHAM ST
GENEVIEVE
FRAMLINGHAM
FRECKENHAM
FRESSINGFIELD
GAZELEY
GISLEHAM
GISLINGHAM
GLEMSFORD
GREAT BARTON
GREAT BLAKENHAM
GREAT BRADLEY
GREAT BRICETT
GREAT CORNARD
GREAT FINBOROUGH
GREAT WALDINGFIELD
GROTON
GRUNDISBURGH
HADLEIGH
HALESWORTH
HASKETON
HAUGHLEY
HAVERHILL
HENLEY
HERRINGSWELL
HINTLESHAM
HOLBROOK
HOLLESLEY
HOLTON
HONINGTON-CUM-
SAPISTON
HOPTON-CUM-
KNETTISHALL
HORRINGER-CUM-
ICKWORTH
ICKLINGHAM
IPSWICH
IXWORTH & IXWORTH
THORPE

KEDINGTON
KELSALE
KENTFORD
KESGRAVE
KESSINGLAND
KIRTON
KNODISHALL
LACKFORD
LAKENHEATH
LAVENHAM
LAXFIELD
LEAVENHEATH
LEISTON
LITTLE WALDINGFIELD
LONG MELFORD
LOWESTOFT
MARTLESHAM
MELTON
MENDLESHAM
METFIELD
MILDENHALL
MOULTON
NACTON
NAYLAND WITH
WISSINGTON
NEEDHAM MARKET
NEWMARKET
NEWTON
NORTH COVE
OCCOLD
OLD NEWTON &
DAGWORTH
ONEHOUSE
ORFORD
OTLEY
OULTON
PAKENHAM
PALGRAVE
PINWOOD
POLSTEAD
PURDIS FARM
RATTLEDEN
RED LODGE
REDISHAM
RENDLESHAM
REYDON
RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR
RINGSFIELD
RINGSHALL

ROUGHAM
RUSHMERE ST ANDREW
SAXMUNDHAM
SHOTLEY
SNAPE
SOMERSHAM
SOUTHWOLD
SPROUGHTON
STANTON
STOKE BY CLARE
STOWMARKET
STOWUPLAND
STRADBROKE
STRADISHALL
STRATFORD ST MARY
STUSTON
SUDBURY
TATTINGSTONE
THURSTON
TRIMLEY ST MARTIN
TRIMLEY ST MARY
TUDDENHAM ST MARTIN
TUDDENHAM ST MARY
UFFORD
WALBERSWICK
WALSHAM LE WILLOWS
WANGFORD
WENHASTON
WESTERFIELD
WESTLETON
WESTLEY
WETHERDEN
WHERSTEAD
WICKHAM MARKET
WILLINGHAM
WITHERSFIELD
WITNESHAM
WOODBIDGE
WOOLPIT
WORLINGHAM
WORLINGTON
WORLINGWORTH
WRENTHAM
YAXLEY
YOXFORD

9b) – See Map below.

