

**MOTION 1**

**MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR WILL SUTTON REGARDING  
STREET LIGHTING**

As a result Local Government reorganization in 1974 there became an inequality between town and village with regard to costs of street lighting, whereby the towns lighting stock are owned and financed by FDC but the villages were left to pick up the costs, this has resulted in 'double taxation'. However, there is an anomaly with regard to the villages of: Coates, Eastrea, Turves and Pondersbridge, if you are fortunate enough to live in these villages then the above don't apply.

We need to address the inequality of the costs of provision and maintenance of street lighting provided by Fenland District Council and those of similar services by Parish Councils, it cannot be acceptable for the towns and the villages mentioned above to be expected to continue with this favorable position at the expense of the majority of the villages and their residents, it's time to level the playing field!

This Council should use the vast underspends of recent years to fund this resolution.

This Council resolves to:

1. refer this matter for consideration by Cabinet; and
2. if the resolution at paragraph 1 is agreed, that Cabinet considers taking the following steps:
  - a. Consult and agree with those Parish Councils that are willing to take ownership of all Parish Council owned street lighting;
  - b. Recommend an amendment to the budget to incorporate responsibility for all ongoing costs associated with the provision of Street lighting, including power and maintenance, in respect of those Parish Councils wishing to take up this option.