

AGENDA ITEM 15

AMENDMENT to Motion regarding Parish Street Lighting from Councillor Boden

(Track changes indicate how the motion has been amended from the motion listed on the agenda)

As a result Local Government reorganization in 1974 there became an inequality between town and parish with regard to costs of street lighting, whereby the towns lighting stock are owned and financed by FDC but the parishes were left to pick up the costs, this has resulted in 'double taxation'.

We need, directly or indirectly, 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 to be expected to continue with this favorable position at the expense of the majority of the Parish Councils and their residents.

This Council resolves to;

1. refer this matter for consideration by Cabinet.; and
2. if the resolution at 1 is agreed, that Cabinet considers taking the following steps:
 - a. Consulting and communicating with those Parish Councils affected by the referral to Cabinet regarding the ownership of all Parish Council owned street lighting;
 - b. Recommend consideration of budgetary impact in relation to costs associated with the provision of Parish Street lighting, including power and maintenance..