

Policy Proposal 2

1. That RCC establishes a set of priorities for the lighting it should be providing, for example priorities around safety and crime (Northamptonshire produced this for when they were proposing a programme of turning off street lights, and the document could be used as a basis for an RCC policy).
2. Any lights which do not meet the priorities set by RCC will be offered to the Parish or Town Councils where they are situated.
3. If a Parish or Town Council declines to take over the responsibility for the maintenance and energy costs of lights which do not meet the new set of RCC priorities they will be turned off.
4. The contribution from Parish's to their Parish street lights should be calculated around the cost of the energy for running them each year and not the number of rate payers (the current situation means that there is a wide variance on the percentage of the energy costs a Parish will contribute from the current formula)
5. The funding formula will be based on a percentage of the street lighting gross expenditure for the Parish per year (currently the average percentage meet by the parishes towards their lighting is 34.59%, but this varies greatly between Parishes)
6. The percentage which RCC requires Parishes pay towards their lighting will be established each year during the budgetary process and approved by the Council.
7. An invest to save fund be established, which allows Parishes who want upgrades in their lights to more efficient models to access the funds.