

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Report

<b>Committee:</b>	Universal Services Select Committee
<b>Date:</b>	23 September 2024
<b>Title:</b>	Pre-Scrutiny of SP25 Savings Proposals
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Universal Services

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### Purpose of this Report

1. The County Council undertook an open public consultation called the 'Future Services Consultation' over the 12-week period 8 January to 31 March 2024. The consultation sought to understand the views on, and potential impacts of, 13 proposals which would deliver savings contributing toward the Savings Programme 2025. Following analysis of the consultation responses, final recommendations have been prepared by the Universal Services Directorate in relation to these proposals.
2. The Cabinet is due to consider these recommendations at their meeting on 14 October 2024, alongside the savings proposed by other Directorates. The Universal Services Select Committee has the opportunity to make recommendations to the Cabinet regarding the proposals prepared by the Universal Services Directorate, to be taken into account alongside the advice presented by officers and the evidence provided.
3. The Draft Report to Cabinet and proposals prepared by Officers, which will be scrutinised by the Universal Services Select Committee during this meeting (Cabinet report Appendix 4 – School Crossing Patrol Service and Appendix 6 – Street lighting), are attached. This report should be read alongside the report prepared by the Select Committee Working Group, also attached as an appendix.

### Recommendations

That the Select Committee:

1. Supports the recommendations made by officers to the Cabinet set out in Appendix 4 – School Crossing Patrol Service of the Draft Report to Cabinet, as detailed below:
  - To note the outcome of the 2024 Future Services Consultation in relation to the proposals on the future of the School Crossing Patrol service.

- That the School Crossing Patrol (SCP) service provided at 19 SCP sites, as set out within this report, is withdrawn at a saving of £0.114 million. This comprises of 15 sites that do not meet the criteria for justifying an SCP, and 4 sites that already have safe alternative measures in place for children to cross the road without the requirement for an SCP, in accordance with the County Council's policy.
- That a further 156 SCP sites, including 5 sites that have been vacant for four or more years, are reviewed to assess whether suitable alternative measures that are financially viable in the long term could be put in place for children to cross the road safely at the site without the requirement for an SCP.
- That at sites where the assessment determines suitable alternative measures that are financially viable in the long term are in place or can be put in place for children to cross the road safely without the requirement for an SCP, that the alternative measures are implemented and the SCP service at those sites is withdrawn.
- That authority is delegated to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Highways and Waste, to progress and make any necessary arrangements to implement these decisions.

2. Supports the recommendations made by officers to the Cabinet set out in Appendix 6 – Street Lighting of the Draft Report to Cabinet, as detailed below:

- Notes the outcome of the 2024 Future Services Consultation in relation to the proposals on future Street lighting operations.
- That on residential streets where streetlights are already switched off between 1am and 4am, this period is extended by two hours per night so that lights are switched off from midnight until 05:00, excluding the night of 24 December into 25 December, and the night of 31 December into 1 January, when the lights would remain on all night.
- To approve the approach for the removal of up to £0.5 million budget provision for street lighting energy as detailed in this report and based on the results of the consultation.
- To reduce lighting levels in residential streets as follows:
  - o 23:30 to midnight and 05:00 to 05:30 – Lighting levels would be reduced by changing dimming from 65% to 80%.
- To reduce lighting levels on the classified (A, B and C Class) road network as follows:

- Between dusk and 23:30 – Lighting levels would be reduced by changing dimming from 30% to 45%.
- 23:30 to 05:30 – There would be no change and lighting levels would remain at 50%.
- 05:30 to dawn – Lighting levels would be reduced by changing dimming from 25% to 40%.

And/Or

3. Agrees any alternative or additional recommendations with regards to the proposals set out in Appendix 4 and Appendix 6 of the Draft Report to Cabinet.