

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Environment and Highways Cabinet Board
16 February 2017**

**Report of the Head of Streetcare
M. Roberts**

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All Wards

Proposed Lighting, Foresters Houses Road, Brynawel.

Purpose of Report

- 1** To seek approval to install and maintain street lighting on an unadopted street (reference plan No PL-1), Foresters Houses Road, Brynawel, Croeserw, Port Talbot.

Background

- 2** As part of the annual works programme surgeries the local member has identified as their top priority that for reasons of public safety lighting is required on Foresters Houses Road to aid the passage of pedestrians and vehicles. However, the road is a private street and as such to install lighting the Council would need to exercise its discretionary powers under the Public Health Act.

Financial Impact

- 3** Findings from a recent visual survey indicate that lighting installation costs would be in the region of £1500.00. Following this the lighting would have to be maintained under the Council's public lighting budget.

Equality Impact Assessment

- 4** A Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessment it has been determined that this proposal does not require an Equalities Impact Assessment.

Workforce Impact

5 There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impact

6 The power to light a private street is a discretionary power which falls under section 161 of the Public Health Act 1865. Legal Services would need to write to National Resources Wales in order that an agreement is set up, after which the Council can install and maintain steel lighting on the road.

Risk Management

7 If the Council install street lighting it will take on the future maintenance risk as with other street lighting.

Consultation

8 There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item

Recommendation

9 It is recommended that members approve the use of the Council's discretionary powers under the Public Health Act and that subject to the necessary agreement with National Resources Wales, street lighting is installed and maintained on Foresters Houses Road as per the attached plan.

Reason for Proposed Decision(s)

10 To address public safety issues raised by the local Ward Member.

Implementation of Decision

11 The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

12 Drawing number PL-1.

List of Background Papers

13 None

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