

East Lothian Council

EIR Ref: 2018/092(13184)

1. Has the council installed any energy efficient street lighting in the last five years, such as replacing halogen bulbs with LED street lights?

Yes

2. If the council is in the process of installing any energy efficient street lighting, please confirm when the council started to do this and provide an estimate of when the council expects to have switched all street lights to energy efficient street lighting.

Yes, East Lothian Council (ELC) has long been in the process of installing energy efficient lighting. Even traditional Orange Low Pressure Sodium lamp were efficient when installed and are still considered efficient enough, from a lumen per watt point of view. ELC expects to have substantially completed its switch to LED or other modern White light sources in 4 years' time, subject to available funding and competing priorities.

3. How much did the council spend on running, installing and maintaining street lighting under the council's jurisdiction in 2015, 2016 and 2017?

Budgets for Energy (running), Capital (installing) and Revenue (maintaining) were as follows, expressed in tens of thousands:

| Budget | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Energy | 52 | 49 | 40 |
| Capital | 50 | 80 | 40 |
| Revenue | 37 | 30 | 30 |

4. How much does the council estimate they will spend on running, installing and maintaining street lighting under the council's jurisdiction in 2018?

ELC's budget setting meeting for 2018/19 took place on 13 February and papers are published on its website. A link to the relevant page is provided for convenience:

http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/6064/east_lothian_council

5. How many complaints were received in relation to new energy efficient street lighting, if any, during 2017?

None

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6. Please estimate how much money the council currently saves following the installation of any energy efficient street lighting on a monthly and annual basis?

50-60%

Finally, it may help to explain that this legislation only applies to information which is held or recorded by a public authority. It does not apply to views, opinions, intentions or questions which simply require a yes/no answer. In view of this, some of the questions asked are not technically valid for the purposes of this legislation as they are not requests for specific recorded information that ELC may or may not hold.

In order to assist you, however, colleagues have addressed the questions posed to the best of their knowledge. For future reference, a link to the "Tips for Requesters" page of the Scottish Information Commissioner's website has been provided which you may find useful:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>