

Local Town/Parish Area	Annual Cost as of Jan 2019
Abridge	784.43
Buckhurst Hill	£12,314.44
Chigwell	£16,136.96
Epping	£13,200.05
Fyfield	£619.20
Loughton	£33,840.74
Matching	£30.70
Nazeing	£1,395.38
North Weald	£10,243.05
Ongar	£4,903.85
Roydon	£824.44
Sheering	£3,364.68
Stapleford Abbots	£172.74
Waltham Abbey	£27,236.75

Dear Town/Parish Clerk

You may be aware that as a result of concerns raised by local residents, the District Police Commander, the Member of Parliament for Epping Forest, and the Leader of the District Council, have been working closely with Councillor Kevin Bentley, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure at Essex County Council, about the possibility of reinstating all night street lighting.

As a result, Councillor Whitbread was able to advise the December Meeting of Full Council, that he was now in receipt of the estimated costs of all night illumination at Town and Parish Council level. Councillor Whitbread also informed Members of the District Council that he hoped that Town and Parish Councils who wished to see the reinstatement of all night lighting in their local areas, would give serious consideration to funding the initiative.

To this end, please see below the list of Town/Parish areas and estimated costs provided by Essex for your consideration. You will see that the County Council have only identified 14 out of our 24 Town/Parishes. I have asked for clarification on this point, however, it may be that some local Councils e.g. Theydon Bois or indeed some of the small rural parishes do not have street lighting infrastructure provided by the County Council. However, you may well have local knowledge which would clarify the omission.

Notwithstanding, if you would like to be part of the all night lighting initiative, could you please formally confirm both your interest and willingness to meet the costs. Our understanding is that the costs are in relation to electricity only, and no other maintenance charges will be made. I fully appreciate that this proposal has come at a time when your budget planning is well advanced. However, some Town/Parish Councils have already indicated that they may in the first instance use reserves, as opposed to precepting for the cost.

The Leader of Council is due to meet with Councillor Bentley in the next two weeks to feedback on the potential level of interest. Therefore I would appreciate a response, if only in principal, as soon as practically possible . Unfortunately, I am not in a position to provide any further detail around which individual lights are Essex responsibility, based on the level of information provided by Essex to date. Similarly, I believe there is little flexibility to partially light some areas and not others. It would appear to be all night street lighting or the current partial lighting arrangement.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Derek Macnab
Acting Chief Executive

c.c. District Council Members
c.c. Rt. Hon. Dame Eleanor Laing MP
c.c. Councillor Kevin Bentley
c.c. Lewis Basford, Essex Police