

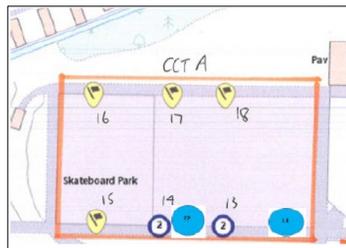


Sandham Grounds Lighting

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Prepared by Town Clerk

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The town council lease Sandham Grounds from the Isle of Wight Council and have done so for over a decade.
- 1.2. The flood lighting adjacent to the Skate Park and old MUGA has reached end of life and is inefficient and unreliable.
- 1.3. There are also no lights specifically lighting the main path from the playground.
- 1.4. Lighting to be improved.



- 1.5. It should be noted that the Skate Park reprovion will include upgraded lighting designed specifically to compliment the new installation.
- 1.6. Different options were sought from three suppliers. Prices ranged from £7,500 to £17,800. One did not return a quotation.
- 1.7. The lights need to be de-accrued from the Island Roads network before they can be replaced. The Isle of Wight Council and Island Roads have agreed to this in principle but work to formalise the agreement is on-going.

2. PROPOSAL/RECOMMENDATION

- 1.8. THAT officers be delegated authority to upgrade the lighting with a budget envelope of up to £8,000.

3. LEGISLATION

- 3.1. The Town Council holds General Power of Competence as provided by the Localism Act 2011 (Chapter 1, Sections 1 – 8)^{1 2}

¹ [Localism Act 2011 - Explanatory Notes](#)

² [The Parish Councils \(General Power of Competence\) \(Prescribed Conditions\) Order 2012](#)

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1. The 2025/2026 budget forecasted replacement lighting of £30,000. This was bought forward into the current budget year.
- 1.9. The proposed replacement lighting falls well within this budget envelope.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY, CRIME AND DISORDER AND BIODIVERSITY

Equality and Diversity

- 5.1. The council as a public body is required to meet its statutory obligations under the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to eliminate unlawful discrimination, promote equal opportunities between people from different groups and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.
- 5.2. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 5.3. Well-lit areas help people feel safer, especially vulnerable groups like women and children which are the priority groups the new 2g facility will target.
- 5.4. They also encourage more diverse use of public spaces, making parks inclusive for people with different schedules
- 5.5. There are no further equality and diversity implications.

Crime and Disorder

- 5.6. Bright lighting deters criminal activity and antisocial behaviour and makes parks safer for visitors at night.
- 5.7. The usage of the park will be extended into the evening and increased, further deterring anti-social behaviour.

Biodiversity implications

- 5.8. There are no direct biodiversity implications as the grounds are already lit. However, modern LED floodlights are energy-efficient and long-lasting, reducing maintenance costs and environmental impact.