

## **Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and City Management (Councillor Tim Mitchell)**

### **1. London Local Authority and Transport for London Act 2013 - Part 2 Section 4 Lighting Attachments and Street Signs**

- (a) The Cabinet Member for Environment and City Management has considered a report which is Appendix 2 to this report.
- (b) The Council is continually searching for ways to improve the urban landscape by reducing street clutter and removing unnecessary street furniture. Whilst it is important for the council to install street signs to provide highway users with essential traffic management and safety information, the posts to which they are attached can be unsightly and a hindrance to pedestrians particularly those with visual impairments and highway users with wheelchairs or prams. Similarly whilst street lighting improves safety on London's streets, the required lamp columns can also have a detrimental effect on the streetscape. Growth projections indicate that there will be increasing demand for space as the numbers of highway users grow and use intensifies. One of the ways that the Council can achieve their objectives is by utilising existing building infrastructure to attach street lighting and signs.
- (c) At present the City Council is reliant on legal Wayleave Agreements to permit the attachment of street signs (including street nameplates) and street lights to buildings. The process of preparing and agreeing these legal agreements (between the Council and the property owner) has to date often been difficult to obtain, costly to administer, and taken a considerable amount of time to implement.
- (d) The London Local Authorities and Transport for London Act 2013 has amended the requirements for affixing traffic signs and street lighting to buildings in London so that London authorities must follow a notice procedure rather than obtain consent from the building owner.
- (e) The Council is being recommended to adopt the London Local Authority and Transport for London Act 2013 - Part 2 Section 4 Lighting Attachments and Street Signs to address the aforementioned concerns and enable the good management of the city's highways.

#### **The Council is recommended:**

- (i) To adopt the London Local Authority and Transport for London Act 2013 – Part 2 Section 4 Lighting Attachments and Street Signs.
- (ii) To delegate to the Executive Director of City Management and Communities, the authority to exercise the functions bestowed by the legislation referred to in paragraph (i) above.

Tim Mitchell, Cabinet Member for Environment and City  
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**Local Government Act 1972 – Background Papers**

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