



Glasgow City Council

**Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City
Policy Committee**

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**Briefing note on the Petition “Light the Lane – Restore Responsibility for
Lighting”**

Purpose of Report:

To provide information on the Petition “Light the Lane – Restore Responsibility
for Lighting”.

Recommendation:

The Committee is asked to consider the contents of the report.

1. Purpose of report

To provide information on the Petition – Light the Lane – Restore Responsibility for Lighting.

2. Background

There are hundreds of private lanes throughout the city, and the council is under no obligation to carry out repairs, maintenance or improvements within these lanes. Responsibility for maintaining private lanes and associated infrastructure rests with the owners and residents whose properties adjoin or benefit from the lane.

A number of lighting columns located within Herries Lane which is a private lane have been subject to recurring faults and service issues. Investigation of the installation identified a fault on the underground cable network supplying the lighting system. Further assessment determined that the lighting infrastructure, including associated underground electrical assets, has reached or exceeded its serviceable life.

Due to the condition of the network and the nature of the underground cable fault, continued operation of the lighting system was not considered sustainable. Repair of the existing infrastructure would require significant investment in assets located within a private lane and would effectively constitute infrastructure renewal rather than routine maintenance.

As a result, the lighting supply has been disconnected from the public lighting network in the interests of safety.

The council's Private Lane Toolkit confirms that the council maintains some lighting within private lanes on a limited basis only, specifically covering lamps, lanterns and minor faults. The guidance further states that where lighting infrastructure has been damaged or has surpassed its serviceable life, the lights will be disconnected from the public lighting network and be programmed for removal.

The circumstances associated with this location fall within that category, as the issue relates to a defective underground cable network and ageing infrastructure that has reached the end of its serviceable life rather than a routine lighting fault.

The lane is a private lane and therefore does not form part of the adopted public road network.

3. Recommendation

Given that Herries Lane is private and the lighting is beyond its serviceable life it is recommended that the council do not undertake any further work to the lighting at this location. However technical support should be provided to the residents to provide an alternative solution.