

## Oakham Town Council

Report No.  
Appendix:  
Agenda Item No.

Council  
Date of Meeting: March 2024

Report Author: Cllr Lowe

Title: Budget & Finance

Subject: Community Street Lighting

OTC resolved to pay for the electrical charge for Community Street lights.

OTC have Paid over £120K In 7 years with the costs increasing at an alarming rate, the 2023 charge of £37,172.84 was a forecast based on current rate from EDF (CCS), which is £0.311337 per kWh, up from £0.192149 from the previous year.

It appears that RCC does not calculate the cost of highway lighting for individual parishes, they do not calculate the cost of SID / VAS lighting for individual parishes.

I would conclude that RCC do not have a control of the bills, their strategy is that OTC can pay it, along with the Hopper OTC are giving 20% of the Parish Precept straight back to RCC.

Proposal:

- (1) OTC will no longer be paying the Community Street lighting full charge and we advise RCC that we will no longer be paying for the Community Lighting.
- (2) OTC advise RCC that we will contribute to the Community Lighting as we do with the Oakham Hopper, up to an amount we will earmark when preparing our precept.
- (3) OTC invite RCC to provide an accurate itemised bill for Community Street Lighting that covers Oakham so that we can determine how much we will contribute.
- (4) OTC advise RCC that we cannot exceed 100% of the invoice.