

ADEPT Street Lighting Working Group update June 2022

The Lighting Group met on 24th June 2022 as an on-line video meeting.

The meeting was well attended. The chair, Keith Tovee, welcomed everyone.

The concern regarding continued massive energy price increases reported by all members is ongoing. This continues to have an uncertain impact on current and future budgets with some authorities being asked to look at how they may be able to reduce energy consumption with trimming, dimming and part night lighting.

Materials shortages continue to impact on delivery of some projects as equipment is not available. A particular concern is the availability of Central Management System equipment which is impacting on LED roll out. Material cost increases are also an ongoing concern.

A discussion was held around Distribution Network Operators (DNO) and several issues that are currently ongoing. There is a concern over the lack of DNO network testing and the accuracy of network plans and network ownership. DNO performance is also an issue for some authorities with published timescales not being met.

Most councils are still being contacted by Mobile Network Operators requesting information on assets. Demand for utilising streetlighting assets to host equipment is expected to increase.

Interest in using street lighting assets for EV charge points is also increasing. Worryingly, one major supplier is trying to influence the positioning of streetlights, so they are installed at the front of the footway, which is at odds with some current policies to site streetlights at the back of footway where possible.

Peter Harrison has retired from the ILP and although he was unable to be present at the meeting, the group thanked him for his support as Secretary to the street lighting group. A new Secretary is still to be appointed.