

64825 Street Lighting

Please provide the following information about street lights maintained by the council as highway authority.

As at 31 December in each of 2023, 2024 and 2025, please state:

- (a) the total number of street lights maintained by the council;
- (b) the number of those lights subject to part-night lighting, meaning they are switched off completely for any part of the night;
- (c) the number of those lights subject to dimming, meaning they remain lit but operate at reduced brightness for any part of the night.

If figures at 31 December are not held, please use the nearest date for which they are, and state that date.

The number of streetlights maintained by The City of Edinburgh Council was: 66,305 in February 2024; 66,672 in March 2025; and 66,680 in February 2026. These streetlights were not subject to part-time lighting or dimming.

In each of the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025, please state:

- (a) the number of street light faults reported to the council;
- (b) the council's target time for repairing a standard street light fault, in working days;
- (c) the number of faults repaired within that target time.

The Council received the following number of reports for dark streetlights; 4,602 reports in 2023; 3,658 reports in 2024; and 2,998 reports in 2025. Although many of these reports will have been from different members of the public for the same dark streetlight, it is not possible to narrow the figure down to the actual number of streetlights that were reported as being dark.

Please refer to the attached document detailing the four categories of Street Lighting Repairs that the Council operates under. Each of these four categories has its own 'Target Time', which varies between 4 hours for Emergency Repairs and 28 working days for defects where the streetlight is still working. As an example, the attached spreadsheet also shows that 1,861 of the 2,475 faults completed in 2023 were completed in target.

In each of the financial years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26, please state:

- (a) the total amount spent by the council on street lighting, and of that total
- (b) the amount spent on electricity.

The total amount that the Council spent on Street Lighting (excluding spend on Lighting Design and Road Construction Consents) is shown in the table below:

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Spend	£4,568,161	£5,712,325	£4,375,288

Lighting Energy	£2,990,755	£3,664,863	£2,347,268
Spend (Excluding Energy)	£1,577,406	£2,047,462	£2,028,020

For part-night lighting and for dimming, please state the standard hours during which lights are switched off or dimmed (for example, midnight to 5.30am), whether those hours vary by season, and the year in which each policy was introduced.

The City of Edinburgh Council does not subject its streetlights to part-night lighting or dimming.

If readily available, please state the annual saving estimated or achieved from:

(a) part-night lighting and

(b) dimming in the most recent financial year for which a figure exists.

(Definitions. "Street light" means a lighting column or lantern on the adopted highway maintained by the council; it excludes lights maintained by parish or town councils, housing providers or private landowners, and lights on trunk roads and motorways maintained by National Highways. Where the council's street lighting is delivered through a PFI or other contractor, please answer for the lights covered by that contract.)

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