

Infrastructure Directorate: MTFP impact on standards from April 2024.

The following saving initiatives influence the standard of service delivery into the future.

Streetlighting –

Subject to Member approval the street lighting in many Poole residential roads shall be turned off between midnight and early morning (6am). This matches what already happens in Christchurch. The change in lighting does not influence the standard of lighting on main roads, bus routes and other key distributor roads. Some busier areas may also be excluded. Changes to Streetlighting in Bournemouth will take longer with individual units added to the remotely controlled system as part of the maintenance programme and with future decisions then taken to switch off during late night hours of darkness.

School Crossing Patrols –

The programme to replace school crossing patrols with better 24/7 crossings is well established as a road safety improvement. Subject to Member approval and based on further capital funding allocations there will be a further phased reduction in the number of school crossing control staff.

The initiative is based on a 3 schools per year investment where this is in line with Government guidance on provision. Several other sites shall benefit from capital investment to provide a permanent 24/7 crossing. The programme shall improve road safety for all in these areas while better catering for after school activities, school holiday periods and other road users too.

Subsidised Bus Services-

All bus routes currently provided by BCP Council have suffered from significant inflationary pressures over recent times. This means that the original budget is insufficient. The council has agreed to use grant-based funding to cover the added costs for the next two years so delaying the need for further review of routes. Such a review shall be required for the longer-term position to be formed. A review of each service shall be needed in 2025 to help form the medium-term position.

Poole Lifting Bridge Operating Schedule -

The current operation of the Poole lifting bridges (Poole Bridge and Twin Sails) is scheduled and set out on the Council's website: [Bridge lifting \(bpcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.bpcouncil.gov.uk) Lifting is generally carried at one-hour intervals from 5.30am – 11.30pm.

An adjusted timetable based on current demand will reduce early morning and evening/night lifting frequencies. This change in standard shall need to be formally agreed through consulting the Bridge Operating Board which is made up of key stakeholders.

Subway Lighting-

Switching out standard fluorescent lamps with LED lighting in our subways shall provide quality lighting but also with a saving in energy costs.

Building Control – Out of Hours provision. Building Control officers would be available to attend sites only during normal office hours.

Technical incident response to flooding - Technical FCERM (Flood and Coastal Erosion Management) staff shall not attend flooding incidents. Other services would of course assist residents in the event of a flood.