



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

Report to Resources Committee

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Subject	Patmos Lighting – Proposal to Remove and Disconnect Power Supply

Purpose of Report

1. To inform members of the Resources Committee of the ongoing issues relating to the lighting at Patmos and to recommend the removal and disconnection of the lighting to eliminate recurring costs and address ongoing vandalism.

Background

2. The lighting at Patmos has been non-functional for over 12 months due to repeated vandalism. Despite previous efforts to repair and replace the lights, they continue to be damaged, resulting in ongoing maintenance and safety concerns.
3. Currently, the council is incurring approximately £800 per year in standing charges for a service that is no longer operational or serving its intended purpose.
4. To get an electricity meter disconnected (permanently removed and de-energised), you'll need to follow a few key steps. Here's a general outline, though the specifics can vary slightly depending on your electricity supplier and whether you're dealing with a business supply:
5. Steps to Permanently Disconnect an Electricity Meter
 - Contact the Electricity Supplier - Get in touch with the supplier who bills you for the electricity (the one charging the £800/year standing charge).
 - Request a permanent disconnection (sometimes called a "service termination" or "de-energisation").
 - We are likely need the MPAN number (which TTC have), the site address, and account holder details.
 - Provide Authorisation - Since this is for council property, ensure the person making the request is authorised to do so
 - We may need to provide a written request or complete a disconnection form.
 - Pay Any Outstanding Charges - Ensure all bills are paid and there are no outstanding balances.

- Arrange for Site Access - The supplier will arrange a date/time to disconnect and physically remove the meter and/or isolate the supply.
- They may send someone to verify the site or do a pre-disconnection inspection.
- DNO Notification (if required) - For complete removal (including the mains connection), the supplier may coordinate with the Distribution Network Operator (DNO). In some cases, you may be advised to contact the DNO directly (e.g. Northern Powergrid if you're in West Yorkshire).

Financial

6. The council is currently paying around £800 annually in standing charges for the power supply to these lights. Removing the lights and disconnecting the power would eliminate these unnecessary costs.
7. The removal costs is estimated to be up to £1000.

Recommendation

8. That Members of the Resources Committee approve the removal of the damaged lights at Patmos and instruct for the disconnection of the power supply.

Reasons For Recommendation

9. The lights have been non-functional for over 12 months.
10. Repeated vandalism has rendered replacements ineffective.
11. Standing charges of approximately £800 per year continue to be incurred with no benefit to residents.
12. Removal will reduce costs and eliminate future maintenance liabilities.
13. The area of Patmos is well lit by the streetlights on Burnley Road.

Policy Implications:

14. None.

Details Of Consultation:

15. None.

Climate Change:

16. Minimal impact. Removal may marginally reduce the council's carbon footprint by eliminating an unused power source.

Impact Equality Assessment

17. No adverse impact identified.

Further Information, Please Contact: Naomi Crewe