

Lighting Strategy

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Updating the Original Lighting Strategy

The primary aims and objectives of the original Chester Lighting Strategy remain as relevant today as they were when they were written and many of the proposals, priorities and the applications of best practice are still relevant. Following a review of the lighting strategy the changes and updates proposed by this document are as follows:

- The original strategy was written as a stand alone document. The PRDG integrates lighting within a wider strategy for the public realm.
- The Lighting Strategy within the PRDG considers lighting within a contextual approach to public realm and sustainable design. The environmental issues associated with global warming and energy use were not as prominent or urgent when the original document was produced. Therefore the priorities of what should be lit and the rationale behind why they are to be lit has been reviewed with regard to current best practice.
- Lamp technology has moved on dramatically within the last ten years. More efficient white light lamp sources are now available along with LED technology. These have been considered within this document.

- The local authority structure has been changed making a review of the management structure for the implementation, operation and maintenance of lighting especially pertinent.

A brief summary of the original lighting strategy is included in Appendix F.

Implementation of the Original Lighting Strategy

The original lighting strategy was only implemented in part and some of these elements are still pertinent and have been included in the PRDG Lighting Strategy:

- 1) The review of street lighting to identify a hierarchy of streets and routes was not undertaken. A framework for this is included in the PRDG .
- 2) The lighting to key or historic buildings was only implemented in part and many of the schemes that were are now in disrepair or nearing the end of their lives. The PRDG has reviewed the original proposals and includes an updated schedule of buildings.

- 3) The lighting of other buildings to create lit views and vistas within the city centre and on approaches was not fully implemented. The PRDG has reviewed these proposals, in particular within the context of public spaces, and makes revised recommendations.
- 4) Proposals to light The Rows have been implemented and this has largely been successful. Recommendations are made within the PRDG Lighting Strategy with respect to its ongoing development and improvement.