

**SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – 22 MARCH 2021****PROCEDURAL MATTERS – PANEL MEMBER QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES****1. Question submitted by Councillor Will Forster (Woking Borough Council)**

Last week, the Government announced it would double the size of the Safer Streets Fund - which provides local measures such as better lighting and CCTV - to £45 million.

On the same day as the expanded Safer Street Fund was announced, the Leader of Surrey County Council, Tim Oliver confirmed that if Surrey Police asked for street lights to be turned back on throughout the night, it would do so.

Please will the Commissioner agree to review the Police's view on the County Council's part-time lighting policy as soon as possible following recent events to enable the Council to apply to the Safer Streets Fund to switch on Surrey's street lights?

**Response:**

Yes I am fully supportive of Surrey Police and Surrey County Council discussing street lighting and I will ask Surrey Police to contact the Council.

My office (OPCC) are waiting for the criteria for the additional Safer Streets funding and will apply for that funding once we are able to and if Surrey meets the criteria, in partnership with the Council and Borough and District councils.

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