

meeting STREET LIGHTING REPAIR SELECT COMMITTEE

date 23 APRIL 2007

agenda item number

Report of the Chair of the Street Lighting Repair Select Committee

Scope and Work Programme

Purpose of the report

1. To inform Members of the proposed work programme of this Select Committee.

Background

- 2. The Highways Select Committee which concluded in March 2007 recommended that the issue of the street lighting repair performance of E-on be looked at in more detail. Further to that on 26th March 2007, Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned a Select Committee to examine this issue over the course of two meetings in April and May 2007.
- 3. It is anticipated that after the conclusion of this review the issue of street lighting generally will be looked at in greater detail this will include such issues as light pollution and the possible economies that might be achieved by switching off street lights during the early hours of the morning.

Scope

- 4. The Select Committee will examine the performance of E-on in relation to street lighting repair with a view to drawing up recommendations on how this performance might be improved.
- 5. The Select Committee will receive briefing and performance information from departmental officers and take evidence from E-on. The Select Committee may also wish to gather evidence on E-on's street lighting repair performance in neighbouring authorities.

Work Programme

6. At its first meeting the Select Committee will receive a scene-setting briefing from departmental officers and take evidence from E-on. At its second meeting the Select Committee will consider the evidence it has received and commence drawing up recommendations.

Recommendation

7. It is recommended that

the Street Lighting Repair Select Committee note the work programme, receive briefing and evidence, and initiate lines of questioning as necessary.

Councillor the Hon Joan Taylor Chair of the Street Lighting Repair Select Committee

Background papers: nil.