



meeting	STREET LIGHTING SELECT COMMITTEE	
date	17 September 2007	agenda item number

Report of the Chair of the Street Lighting Select Committee

Work Programme

Purpose of the report

1. To inform Members of the Select Committee's scope and work programme.

Background

2. On 26th March 2007, Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned a Select Committee to examine the issue of street lighting repair performance by E-ON (Central Networks). This review concluded on 11 June 2007 with a final report received by Council Cabinet on 25 July 2007.
3. Further to the street lighting repair review, on 21 May 2007, Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned a wider review of street lighting issues.

Scope

4. The scope for this review, as agreed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee is attached as Appendix A.
5. The aim of the review is stated to be "To identify and feed into emerging areas of street lighting policy as well as examining existing policies." The review links to priorities around carbon management road safety and crime reduction issues.

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6. In order to gather information on issues relevant to the scope, the Select Committee may wish to receive evidence from expert witnesses such as the Institute of Street Lighting Engineers and a Local Authority engaged in experimental part-night lighting (e.g. Essex County Council) as well as receiving full briefing from departmental officers.

7. The proposed dates for future meetings are as follows: 10:30 a.m. 22 October, 10:30 a.m. 26 November, 1:30 p.m. 10 December with a further meeting scheduled for 10:30 a.m. 21 January (2008), if required.

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that

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

Councillor John Knight
Chair of the Street Lighting Select Committee

Background papers: nil.