

**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director for Economy and Environment**

Report to:	<b>Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>14 September 2015</b>
Subject:	<b>Street Lighting Policy</b>

**Summary:**

This paper proposes a revised Street Lighting Policy for consideration, including an option regarding the adoption of street lights on development roads.

**Actions Required:**

Members are requested to:

- (1) Comment on the proposed Street Lighting Policy; and
- (2) Support the recommendations shown in the conclusion.

## **1. Background**

1.1 The current Street Lighting Policy was considered by this Scrutiny Committee on 21 October 2013 and implemented by an Executive Decision on 7 February 2014.

1.2 The policy has been updated as shown in Appendix A. The significant changes (listed below) are in Sections 2 and 4, with the addition of a new Section 14; any changes in the rest of the text are primarily for clarification purposes.

The changes in Section 2 'Street Lighting on Existing Roads':

- Introduce a clear emphasis on the need to have a sustainable street lighting network by managing energy consumption to a minimum
- Introduce a hierarchy of provision to be worked through for existing lighting wherever practicable (2.1A)
- Clarify when additional street lighting on existing roads will be considered (2.1B)
- Clarify when existing street lighting will be considered for removal or replacement (2.1C)

The changes in Section 4 'Street Lighting as an Aid to Combat Crime':

- Formalise the consideration of crime levels in the design of new or replacement street lighting schemes
- Clarify the position with respect to the use of street lighting columns for the attachment of CCTV cameras.

New Section 14 'Central Management System' makes provision for the potential introduction of a Central Management System, should funding become available

1.3 Whilst no substantive change has been shown in Section 6 'Street Lighting for Development Roads', the Committee is asked to consider whether the County Council should continue to adopt street lighting on new development roads, in order to minimise the increase in assets of this type owned and maintained by the County. Typically, the County Council currently adopts up to 500 new lights per annum.

Whilst this would manage the increase in street lighting assets owned by the County Council, including associated maintenance and energy costs, it would have some negative impacts:

- By not adopting these lights, the County Council would lose its ability to define the standard of lighting used and therefore risk a disparate provision on new developments.
- It would increase the potential for confusion when members of the public report lights with faults, as they will in general assume they are the responsibility of the highway authority.
- The County's street lighting team is currently the prime provider of street lighting design services to developers for new development roads. Over the last four financial years, this service has provided a fee income of approximately £10,000 per annum on average, helping to maintain the sustainability of the design team.

## 2. Conclusion

The Committee is requested to:

1. Comment on the proposed Street Lighting Policy
2. Recommend to the Executive Councillor whether street lighting on new development roads should be adopted or not
3. Recommend to the Executive Councillor whether the proposed Street Lighting Policy should be adopted or not, amended as necessary to take into account the outcome of Recommendation 2.

## 3. Consultation

### a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

## 4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Draft Street Lighting Policy

## **5. Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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