

Scrutiny Review: Impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy

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Subject: **Scoping Document: Impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy**

Summary:

To be effective, a scrutiny review must be clearly defined to make sure that the review achieves its aims and has effective outcomes. One of the most important ways to make sure that a review goes well is to ensure that it is well defined at the outset.

The purpose of this report is for the Scrutiny Panel to consider and agree the scope and resources for the Impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy Scrutiny Review. The proposed scope is attached at Appendix A.

Actions Required:

The Scrutiny Panel are invited to consider and note the scope for the Impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy Scrutiny Review.

1. Background

A review into the Impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy was approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in July 2017. Since the meeting, the chairman and vice chairman of the scrutiny panel, relevant Executive Councillors and senior officers have been consulted to develop a clear proposed scope for the review into the Impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy.

Proposed Scope

This review will consider the impact of the change in the Street Lighting Policy to turn street lights off in certain areas at midnight. The review will consider a number of different areas where there may have been an impact, either positive or negative, as a result of this change and make recommendations based on its findings where any improvements could be made.

It is important to highlight that this review is examining the impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy and all other elements of the Street Lighting Policy are excluded from the review.

The aim of the review will be to seek to ensure that the Council's Street Light Policy in relation to part night lighting is being managed to minimise the adverse impact on the communities in Lincolnshire affected by the changes.

When considering this topic for a formal review it was stressed that the timing of the review is key. In particular a need to include data from the winter months, to ensure that any seasonal variations were considered was highlighted by key stakeholders.

The objectives of the review are as follows:

- Examine the impact of switching off street lights at midnight on different areas such as on the environment; crime rates; fears about safety and crime; emergency services; health and public health services.
- Consider data and substantiated evidence, such as crime rate figures, accident data, complaint figures, and exemption requests, regarding the impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy.
- Consider the wider economic impact of Part Night Street Lighting on business, including the impact on the night time economy.
- Invite the views of members of the public, County Councillors, district councils and parish/town councils regarding the perceived impact on crime rates, and fears of crime and safety.
- Conduct comparisons with other Local Authorities who have also changed their street lighting policy to incorporate part night lighting.
- Investigate potential savings or cost implications arising from any proposed changes to the Part Night Street Lighting Policy within the allocated budget.

Reporting

It is proposed that this review will last for six months from November 2017 to April 2018 and report back to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board at its meeting on 28 April 2018.

2. Conclusion

The Scrutiny Panel is requested to consider and note the scope and resources for the Impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy Scrutiny Review.

It is recommended that the Panel notes the scope and approach set out in respect of the planned Scrutiny Review of Impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy.

3. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
APPENDIX A	Scoping Document – Impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy

4. Background Papers

There are no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

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