

## Scrutiny Review: Impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy

Date: **03 November 2017**

Subject: **Community Engagement and Future Engagement Activity**

### Summary:

This discussion item enables the Scrutiny Panel to engage with the Community Engagement Team to agree the purpose, scope and objectives of any engagement to be carried out as part of reviewing the Impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy.

### Actions Required:

The Scrutiny Panel is invited to discuss and agree the scope, methods and objectives of any Community Engagement activity to be carried out as part of reviewing the Impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy.

## 1. Background

As an activity, 'engagement' is defined as on-going, regular dialogue and includes collaborative approaches to working with our communities and partners. It is generally seen to offer great value in ensuring we make informed decisions, with stakeholders involved throughout the whole process.

To achieve the Council's aim of engaging with communities effectively it is proposed that Community Engagement Team supports the Scrutiny Panel in developing a clear and focused approach as part of the Scrutiny Review process.

In carrying out engagement as part of this scrutiny review, there are a number of areas that councillors may want to consider; these include:

- The types of things that councillors may want to measure
- The type of questions to be included – open/closed answer, etc
- How the responses will be measured

Councillors may also wish to consider, as a starting point, measuring residents' views in relation to the following:

- Feelings of safety since the implementation of the policy
- Frequency of travel between the hours when lights are switched off
- Main concerns of the part night street lighting policy
- Use of other methods to increase personal safety

When discussing potential engagement it is important to give consideration to the types of engagement to be undertaken and the data that is to be collected. There are two types of data – quantitative and qualitative, and depending on the data that is to be collected can influence the type of questions which are set. Quantitative data is information that can be given a value or a score and can be used to provide a measurement of something. Whereas qualitative data is more about understanding meanings and gathering opinions on a subject, including people’s experiences, beliefs and ideas.

## **2. Conclusion**

This discussion item enables the Scrutiny Panel to consider the purpose, scope and objectives of any potential engagement to be carried out as part of reviewing the Impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy.

As part of the consideration of this item the Scrutiny Panel are requested to identify and agree the purpose, scope, methods and objectives of any engagement activity to be carried out as part of reviewing the Impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy.

## **3. Background Papers**

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

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