

EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR
Between 25 January 2019 and 1 February 2019

Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee
SCRUTINY COMMENTS

Street Lighting Policy 2019 – Including actions from Part Night Street Lighting Scrutiny Review

The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee met on 21 January 2019 and considered a report on changes to the Street Lighting Policy, including actions from Part Night Street Lighting Scrutiny Review.

The Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Councillor (8 votes in favour and 1 against) and agreed to pass on the following comments as part of his consideration of this item.

- The Committee queried the level of consultation undertaken with Town/Parish/District Councils in respect of developing the protocol. Officers confirmed that whilst no direct consultation had taken place the protocol would enable precept-issuing authorities to consider requests for the reversal of Part Night Lighting. Officers confirmed the County Council would work with Town/Parish/District Councils to support the process.
- The Committee recommended that clear and concise information should be included as part of the proposed protocol to ensure the purpose of the payment was clear, and to confirm the breakdown of what the charge covered.
- The Committee highlighted the need for the County Council (in line with its duty as a Street Lighting Authority) to ensure that sufficient safeguards are in place within the protocol to enable future changes to the Street Lighting policy as required.
- The Committee highlighted the need to support applicants undertaking the required equality impact assessment. Officers confirmed it was the intention to develop a request form which would include all the information to satisfy the requirement for an equality impact assessment.