

Open Report on behalf of Paul Coathup, Assistant Director (Highways and Transport)

Report to:	Highways, Transport and Technology Scrutiny Committee
Date:	13 September 2010
Subject:	Street Lighting Policy

Summary:

This report presents the proposed alterations to the County Council's Street Lighting Policy

Actions Required:

Members are requested to comment on the proposed changes to the Street Lighting Policy and to recommend their adoption to the Executive Councillor for Highways and Transport.

1. Background

- 1.1 The existing street lighting policy was adopted in July 2007, after being considered by the then Highways Policy Development Group on 11 June 2007. It was recommended at the time that the Policy should be subject to regular review at appropriate times in response to the viability of emerging technologies, increasing energy prices and energy conservation policies.
- 1.2 The proposed changes to the policy are highlighted in the Highways and Traffic Guidance Note 49/2/10 shown in Appendix A to this paper. In summary, the changes are as follows:

Paragraph number	Summary of change
2.4	Formalisation of requests relating to street lighting, such that they must now come through representative bodies and not direct from members of the public.
2.5 & 2.6	Introduction of criteria for the removal of existing street lighting.
6.9	New residential development roads will be part-night lit, other than at junctions.
7.4	Lighting times defined for part-night lighting and dimmed lighting.
7.5 & 7.6	See under Section 9 below.

7.7	Dimming to be introduced on all new and replacement schemes, save in town centre amenity areas or in the vicinity of pedestrian crossings.
Section 9	All statements in Section 9 embedded into the other sections of the Policy, to reflect the integration of energy conservation into the application of the Policy.
10.5	All street lighting replacement designs to target a reduction of at least 20% reduction in energy consumption compared with the existing scheme.
10.6	See under Section 9 above.
11.1	Cross referencing the Policy on charging commuted sums for maintenance of assets adopted from third parties.
Section 12	Background to provision of shared services for street lighting.
Section 13	Clarification on the use of passively safe street lighting columns.

2. Conclusion

- 2.1 The proposed changes to the Street Lighting Policy reflect the changes that have taken place in the last three years in relation to improved management of carbon emissions by the County Council.
- 2.2 In addition, changes are proposed to improve the management of the street lighting assets held by the County Council, such as through the formalisation of requests and through the introduction of shared services for street lighting.

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	Proposed Revised Street Lighting Policy (Highways and Traffic Guidance Note 49/2/10)

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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