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Report of the Executive Director of Operations

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STREET LIGHTING IN RURAL AREAS

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The Scrutiny Commission has requested information regarding street lighting in Rural Areas and in particular with regard to the following topics. A presentation will be given at the meeting.

1. How the new low energy streetlights will be appropriate for rural areas.

Officers will present the purpose and the rationale for deciding where the new energy efficient lighting project funds are to be invested.

2. Is there a policy over rural streetlights?

There is currently no rural street lighting policy however, as part of the new approach to delivering the transport and engineering service a street lighting document is being considered.

3. Is it possible to have alternatives to the standard model, like Victorian or other retro styles which might be appropriate to some villages?

The cost and difficulties of providing bespoke solutions to street lighting in different parts of the city will be discussed at the meeting.

4. Lighting at junctions or danger spots.

The legislation governing street lighting requirements will be discussed at the meeting.

5. The possibility of reducing some lighting.

Officers will listen to Councillors ideas for where street lighting could be reduced in order to save energy and reduce CO2 emissions.

6. Is there a safety /crime aspect to street lighting?

This item will be discussed at the meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Councillors are asked to consider and make any comments to officers on the presentation and make any necessary recommendations.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

3.1 Community strategy links:

- Delivering substantial and truly sustainable growth; through energy efficient solutions to street lighting
- Creating the UK's environment capital; by reducing energy consumption and CO2 emissions by implementing innovative solutions to street lighting.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 None

5. KEY ISSUES

5.1 None

8. NEXT STEPS

8.1 The committee to consider and comment on the information provided at the meeting and make any recommendation.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

9.1 None

10. APPENDICES

10.1 None