

Environment and Regeneration Select Committee

A meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Select Committee was held on Monday 5 June 2006.

Present: Councillor Mrs Beaumont (Chairman); Councillors Cains, Fletcher, Leckonby, Noble, Mrs Robinson, Teasdale and Woodhead.

Officers: Ms S Connolly, P Mennear, Miss F Shayler (LD); T Andrew, B Allen, B Buckley (DNS).

Also in attendance: M Black (David Websters Ltd)

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf Councillors Larkin, Mrs Norton, Salt, Smith and Walmsley.

229 Draft Minutes

Consideration was given to the content of the draft minutes from the meetings held on 26th April and 16th May 2006.

CONCLUDED that the minutes be forwarded to Council for consideration.

230 Review of Street Lighting

Bob Allen, Consultant, detailed to Members the partnership arrangement with David Webster Ltd. who provided the Council with repair and maintenance of Street Lighting within Stockton on Tees. There were three types of service provided:-

- Routine Maintenance – ie. Painting etc.
- Repairs – reported by the public or via scouts that tour the borough looking for faults.
- Special Maintenance – repairs following accidents, crumbling towers etc.

Discussion was held on the condition of street lighting stock against the amount of repairs carried out and whether funding was available for replacement of lighting columns. Members were informed that a programme to replace MDFU street lighting was in place and approximately 300 columns would be replaced this year.

Road Traffic Accidents involving street lighting were a concern and Officers were working with the Police to try and renegotiate fees for receiving information on reported accidents so that the Council were able to recharge for repairs following accidents.

Councillors discussed different types of lighting such as 'white light' and associated costs and offered to bring back to the committee different types of lighting in their wards. A chart indicating amounts of repairs in each wards would be circulated by the Scrutiny Officer to Members.

Members wished to have a site visit in small groups to see the database system for Street Lighting at Kingsway House, Billingham.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. A Chart showing repairs by Ward be circulated to Members of the Select Committee.
2. Site visits for small groups of Members be arranged to view the street lighting database at Kingsway House, Billingham.