

## **Environment & Regeneration Select Committee**

A meeting of Environment & Regeneration Select Committee was held on Monday, 3rd July, 2006.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs J Beaumont(Chairman), Cllr D Cains, Cllr J A Fletcher, Cllr M Frankland(Vice Councillor Teasdale), Cllr C Leckonby, Cllr W Noble, Cllr Mrs B Robinson, Cllr M Smith, Cllr B Woodhead.

**Officers:** P K Bell, S Connolly, P J Mennear(LD), T Andrew, B Buckley(DNS).

**Also in attendance:** N/A

**Apologies:** Cllr Larkin, Cllr Mrs Norton, Cllr Salt, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Walmsley.

### **345 Draft Minutes - 5th June 2006**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2006 were given consideration.

CONCLUDED that the minutes be forwarded to Council for consideration.

### **346 Review of Street Lighting - Columns and Lamps**

Mr T Andrew and Mr B Buckley (Development and Regeneration) were in attendance at the meeting to provide Members with a technical overview for the Review of Street Lighting.

The technical overview covered the following key areas:-

1. Physical requirements of columns
2. Aesthetic features of columns
3. Types of street lighting lamps
4. Street lighting luminaries
5. Power consumption

Members requested that the Scrutiny Officer look at the specification of the weed killing contract as the content of the weed killing spray had been damaging the street light columns.

Members also requested that Officers obtain further information from Middlesbrough Council on the budget and capital expenditure of street lighting.

The Scrutiny Officer also outlined to Members that she would obtain the Viewpoint results for street lighting.

Mr T Andrew outlined that there was a Strategic Management Board that would review street lighting performance on a regular basis. There was also a low level meeting that met to ascertain if there were less street lighting faults and also look at changing the lamps and some of the running gear.

Members requested that a briefing note be prepared on how to use the street lighting GIS system so that they can access the system themselves when reporting faults etc.

The Chairman requested that at the next meeting to be held on 24th July 2006 Members receive information on the contracts and financial arrangements of the Council and street lighting.

It was agreed that the following be invited to the next meeting of the Select Committee:-

1. NEPO
2. NEDL
3. IUS

It was also agreed that the meeting that was going to be held on 14th August 2006 be moved to 22nd August 2006.

Members also agreed that the Scrutiny Officer investigate if it would be possible to obtain funding so that Mr B Allen (Consultant) can be brought in on a part time basis to help the Select Committee with their review.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. The technical overview be noted.
2. The above requests for information be noted by Officers.
3. The above companies be invited to the next meeting of the Select Committee.
4. The meeting that was scheduled for 14th August 2006 be moved to 22nd August 2006.
5. The Scrutiny Officer investigate if it would be possible to obtain funding so that Mr B Allen (Consultant) can be brought in on a part time basis to help the Select Committee with their review.