

Environment & Regeneration Select Committee

A meeting of Environment & Regeneration Select Committee was held on Monday, 16th October, 2006.

Present: Cllr Mrs J Beaumont (Chairman), Cllr D Cains, Cllr J A Fletcher, Cllr W Noble, Cllr Mrs A Norton, Cllr R Patterson (Vice councillor Larkin), Cllr Mrs B Robinson, Cllr F G Salt, Cllr M Smith, Cllr B Woodhead.

Officers: P.K.Bell, S Connolly (LD); B Buckley, M Sandbrook (DNS).

Also in attendance: No other persons were present.

Apologies: Cllr Larkin, Cllr Leckonby, Cllr Teasdale and Cllr Walmsley.

750 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs Norton declared a personal and non prejudicial in respect of agenda item no.4 as she worked for NEDL.

751 Draft minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2006.

Consideration was given to the content of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2006. Members made one minor amendment to the minutes.

CONCLUDED that the draft minutes from the meeting held 11th September 2006 be forwarded to Council for consideration.

752 Review of Street Lighting

As part of the review of street lighting Members were presented with the following evidence:-

1. UK Lighting Board - Street Lighting - "Invest to Save" - An interim guidance note on the reduction or removal of street lighting (IGN 01).
2. Essex County Council - Street Lighting Policy and Practice.
3. Article regarding Essex Council Policy.
4. Darlington Borough Council - Lighting Policy and Practice.
5. Derby City Council - Street Lighting PFI Project.

B. Buckley (SBC - Engineer) and M Sandbrook (SBC - Engineer) were in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions and to give any comments.

B Buckley reported that energy costs would approximately double over the coming years. He then went on to give the costs associated with replacing old lamps, lanterns and columns. He also outlined the benefits of white light and the new green energy technology that was available.

B Buckley reported the details of a developer funded scheme at Darlington Back Lane where some of the street lighting was turned off at times of low activity.

The scheme used new computer software that monitored and controlled the lighting. This scheme if successful could be rolled out to 30,000 street lights. The cost of the new software would be £10,000.

The Chairman reported that she would be attending the Safer Stockton Partnership on 6th December 2006 to see if they had any comments on the Select Committees proposals.

Members felt that they now had enough evidence to produce a report with recommendations on street lighting.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. The evidence received at the meeting be noted.
2. A draft report be prepared and circulated to Members for comment.

753 Work Programme - 2007/08.

Members discussed the Work Programme for 2007/08.

CONCLUDED that the following topics be considered as possible future reviews:-

1. Cemeteries
2. Regeneration
3. Rat/Pigeon infestation