Environment & Regeneration Select Committee Review of Street Lighting

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 4 July 2006

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

The Committee now have a clear understanding of the pertinent issues and have received a technical overview from Bob Allen (Consultant) to guide members on some of the more technical aspects of the review.

Dates have been organised to allow Committee Members to take evidence from the Engineering & Transportation Department on issues relating to lamps and columns and energy costs. Members hope to follow this with another meeting with Websters (partners) to discuss the contractual agreement, and a meeting with Head of Operation Finance and the Department's Finance Manager to discuss options for future funding of the service.

A final meeting will be held in mid-September to discuss possible findings and recommendations with the relevant Corporate Director and Cabinet Member.

Desk based comparative work is being undertaken by the Scrutiny Officer in conjunction with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Timescale for Review

The timescale for the review has been altered following the creation of extra meetings for evidence collection. The final report is now due for Cabinet submission on 4 January 2007.