Environment & Regeneration Select Committee

Review of Street Lighting

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 24 October 2006

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Since the last meeting, the Scrutiny Officer has undertaken desk based comparative work with the following Authorities:

- Darlington
- Derby
- > Hartlepool
- > Redcar and Cleveland
- > Telford & Wrekin

Only Derby has responded to date, with an outline of the business case for a PFI bid. Telford and Wrekin provided a verbal outline of the work done, which included an Asset Management Profile and Cost Benefit ratio created using a piece of bespoke software created by consultancy firm to help authorities with PFI bids.

Committee are meeting next week to discuss 'invest to save' issues, relating particularly to reduction or removal of street lighting.

Timescale for Review

If Committee are able to complete evidence collection at the next meeting (16 October), the review is on target for completion and Cabinet submission by Thursday 1st February 2007.