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To: Scrutiny Committee – 19 May 2015

Subject: Street Lighting Review – Discussion Item

Summary: This report provides brief background information relating to the decision to adopt the Street Lighting Policy and Strategy 2010, the subsequent implementation of Safe and Sensible Street Lighting and the internal review conducted at the request of the Leader of the Council.

Full details of the processes used in the development and implementation of the Council's Street Lighting Policy are contained in the main paper – 'Review of the adoption and implementation of the Street Lighting Policy and Strategy 2010'.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Street Lighting Policy and Strategy 2010 (the Strategy) was endorsed by Cabinet Committee in May 2010, followed by a formal Cabinet Member decision in November 2010 to adopt the Strategy. The specific proposals contained within the Strategy were refined and then endorsed by Cabinet Committee in 2011 via 'Common Sense Plan for Safe and Sensible Street Lighting' report, the details of which formed the basis of the consultation on and implementation of SSSL in 2013.
- 1.2 In February 2015, following discussion between all the Group Leaders, the Leader of the Council commissioned a review of the adoption and implementation of the Strategy.

2. Documentation

- 2.1 The 'Review of the adoption and implementation of the Street Lighting Policy and Strategy 2010' forms the single substantive document under consideration (Appendix B)
- 2.2 The key areas of consideration outlined in the Terms of Reference (Appendix A) for the Review are as follows:
 - The appropriateness and validity of processes and procedures adopted during the Policy adoption process, and the subsequent implementation of the Policy.
 - The procedural steps leading up to the Cabinet and Officer level decisions, notably the adequacy of the Equality Impact Assessments (EqIA), consultation and use of the Executive Scheme of Officer Delegation.
 - The sufficiency of information provided to the Leader and Members on the detailed proposals.
 - Partner agency consultation responses.

- The impact of the Strategy.
- The procedural steps taken by other authorities that have implemented similar policies.
- The Impact of similar policies in other authorities.
- The Specific criteria that should be used in considering whether to amend any aspect of the Policy Implementation.

3. Attendance

3.1 The following Members, Partner agency representatives and Council Officers will be attending the meeting to answer the Committee's questions:

- Mr Simmonds – Deputy Leader of the Council
- Mr Balfour – Current Responsible Cabinet Member
- Mr Brazier – Previous Responsible Cabinet Member
- Mr Sweetland – Previous Responsible Cabinet Member
- Mr Chard – Previous Responsible Cabinet Member
- Assistant Chief Constable Rob Price – Kent Police lead on Local Policing and Partnerships)
- Barbara Cooper – Current responsible Corporate Director
- John Burr – Previous responsible Director
- Roger Wilkin – Review report author
- Geoff Wild – Review report author

4. Discussion plan

4.1 To allow for the most effective debate on this issue, the recommended approach is as follows;

- I. Kent Police update from Assistant Chief Constable Rob Price.
- II. Introduction and explanation of the Review report by its authors; Geoff Wild and Roger Wilkin.
- III. Committee Members invited to raise points of clarification with the Review authors.
- IV. Meeting opened to questions from and debate amongst Committee Members.
- V. Chairman to summarise identified issues and to seek consensus on the Committee's decision to comment or make recommendations

5. Recommendation

5.1 The Committee will consider the Review and may decide to express comments and make recommendations to the relevant Officer, Cabinet Member, Leader or Full Council.

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7. Appendices

- Appendix A - Terms of Reference for the Review
- Appendix B - Review of the adoption and implementation of the Street Lighting Policy and Strategy 2010.

8. Background documents

- [A Common Sense Plan for Safe and Sensible Street Lighting.](#)
- [The Street Lighting Policy and Strategy 2010.](#)