

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee 9 February 2012

Task and Finish group for the Street Lighting Energy Saving Project

Recommendation

To consider and comment on the report providing background for a Task And Finish Group scrutinising the Street Lighting Energy Saving project.

1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 As part of the County Council savings plan, Street Lighting has been set a target of £500,000 to be saved from the annual electricity budget from financial year 2013/14. To achieve this saving part-night lighting is to be implemented throughout the County, affecting approximately 80% or 39,000, of the street lights owned and maintained by Warwickshire County Council.
- 1.2 To operate the lighting on a Part-Night basis a Central Management System (CMS) has been identified as the best solution and a budget of £1.64 million has been allocated over financial years 2011/12 and 2012/13 for the purchase and installation of the system.
- 1.3 As the project is to affect all residents of Warwickshire it is proposed to consult on the criteria we have used to identify the lights which are to remain lit all night.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 The formation of a Task and Finish Group will enable members to look at the Street Lighting Part-Night operation project.
- 2.2 Specific terms of reference for the group are to be decided. Some areas which could be considered would be;
 - (1) Timing of switching to part-night operation, either adopting a phased approach or all at once,
 - (2) The criteria used to identify the 80% of lights required to be switched to part-night operation to achieve the agreed financial savings,
 - (3) Review consultation proposals and results,
 - (4) Equitability of the project, in terms of its impact on the residents of Warwickshire.
 - (5) Benchmarking against other Local Authorities who are currently operating on a part-night basis or in the process of moving to part-night operation.

3.0 Timescales Associated with the decision/Next steps

- 3.1 In order to achieve the £500,000 saving in 2013/14, the switch to part-night operation needs to commence April 2013.
- 3.2 Forming the Task and Finish Group in February should allow sufficient time to consider the project before reporting the findings at the September 2012 Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Background Papers

None.

Appendices

None.

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