

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the Street lighting: variable lighting policy.	
Contributor	Sustainable Development Select Committee	Item
Class	Part 1 (open)	

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the Street lighting: variable lighting policy, considered at its meeting on 12 May 2016.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views of the Sustainable Development Select Committee as set out in this report and ask the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to provide a response.

3. Sustainable Development Select Committee's views

- 3.1 On 12 May 2016, the Sustainable Development Select Committee considered the Street Lighting: variable lighting policy. The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- 3.2 The Committee commented that although a trial of dimmed lights had taken place, the streets in this trial did not seem to intersect. This meant that any cumulative impact of light dimming in a large number of intersecting streets at the same time could not be adequately assessed, although this would probably lead to darker streets. The Committee therefore recommended that an additional trial take place of the dimming of street lights in one area of roughly the size of a polling district and that the results of this trial should be reported to Mayor and Cabinet when considering whether the Council should adopt a variable lighting policy.
- 3.3 The Committee felt that although a saving should be welcomed, the implementation of the policy to dim street lights in the borough should be driven by the particular circumstances of each street, and these should not be overshadowed by financial considerations.
- 3.4 The Committee felt that Members' extensive knowledge of their wards could be a useful asset to officers when implementing a variable lighting policy. Therefore, if a variable lighting policy was adopted, Members should be offered the opportunity to highlight any streets where dimming of lights may create particular concerns.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there may financial implications arising from carrying out the action proposed by the Committee.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider the report and the proposed response from the relevant Executive Director; and report back to the Committee within two months (not including recess).

6. Further implications

- 6.1 At this stage there are no specific environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider. However, there may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations.

Background documents

Report to Sustainable Development Select Committee, 12 May 2016, Item 3: [Street lighting: variable lighting policy](#)

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