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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF  
INFRASTRUCTURE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2003**

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**IOS.019/03 AMENITY LIGHTING PROGRAMME 2003/04**

The Head of Commercial and Technical Services submitted a report CTS.02A/03 outlining the contents of a report which would be submitted to the Executive on 3 March 2003. The Executive would be asked to make decisions on recommendations for schemes to provide new amenity lighting in the District following the allocation of £17,350 in the 2003/04 revenue budget.

Mr Battersby summarised the existing allocation policy which was aimed at adding value to other Council initiatives and balancing the needs of urban/rural communities.

He then advised that the following programme of work was being recommended to the Executive after consultation with the Police and having regard to requests received from the public, Council Members and Parish Councils:

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Talkin Village – 2 columns	1,450
Gilsland Village – 2 columns	1,200
Coney Street – 1 column	750
Denton Village – 1 column	750
Scotby Village Green – 1 column	750
Burgh-by-Sands – 1 column	750
Harold Street - 2 columns	1,500
Currock/Upperby – 12 columns - exact locations to be agreed with the Crime and Disorder reduction Team and community representatives	9,050
Houghton Village – 1 column	750

Reserve scheme had been identified for St James Road (2 columns), Borrowdale Gardens (1 column) and Church Street (1 column) if funding becomes available.

Mr Battersby added that the proposal for Talkin Village was linked to the potential for a Conservation Area designation.

The Community Safety Sergeant, on behalf of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) Management Team, attended the meeting and commented on the recommendations. The CDRP were recommending that **all** of the amenity lighting budget should be targeted at the Currock and Upperby wards, as these wards were a hotspot area within the Crime and Disorder Strategy and therefore funding should be targeted at them in an effort to reduce crime and disorder. The CDRP recommendation was based on findings of the Best Value Review with specific reference to Section 17 of

the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, which requires Local Authorities to consider crime and disorder in all the decisions they make.

Mr Baines added that the Partnership were currently attempting to secure match funding from Carlisle Housing Association, although he advised that no decision had yet been made on whether this funding would be available.

In response to Members' questions, Mr Battersby advised that this was an amenity lighting programme and that the County Council were responsible for highways lighting. He explained that the recommendations reflected a 70/30 split based on the urban/rural population split within the Carlisle area. He then answered Members' questions on lighting within the whole of the Carlisle area, advising that the focus of the Amenity Lighting Programme was on improving the overall lighting level.

Members referred to the proposed schemes and suggested that some of these could be funded from other sources e.g. Parish Councils, Neighbourhood Forums, County Council funding. Mr Battersby recognised that there were various funding sources available, but commented that these schemes had been the subject of specific funding applications to the City Council. He explained the procedure for assessing and prioritising requests for amenity lighting. He added that if funding for any of these schemes was not required because they were subsequently funded from other sources, reserve schemes had been identified.

During discussion, some Members supported and proposed Mr Baines recommendation that, as a one off, the whole budget should be used within the Currock and Upperby wards. However, other Members supported the recommendations contained within the report for the programme of work as outlined above.

After discussion and voting, it was,

**RESOLVED** – That the Executive be advised that the Committee supports the recommendations for the Amenity Lighting Programme as outlined above and detailed in Report CTS.02/03, but that the Executive be made aware that there are some other funding sources e.g. Neighbourhood Forums, which may be available for some of these locations.