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Dear William

P-04-428 Alternative energy sources for streetlights

Thank-you for your letter dated 27th February, along with a copy of the letter you received from the Minister for Local Government and Communities.

WLGA would agree with the statements made by the (former) Minister in his letter on this issue. In particular, it will be more efficient to work towards achieving the goal at the 'macro-level' rather than at the 'micro-level': in other words, by steadily increasing the proportion of energy coming from renewable sources (as is planned) rather than putting equipment on large numbers of individual lights (with all the associated maintenance implications). Also, use of LED lighting is a step we support and some LAs are already taking positive steps to replace existing lights with more energy efficient LEDs over time, as part of rolling programmes where replacement lighting is needed.

As a result we do not believe that Welsh Government guidelines to LAs requesting them to convert their streetlights to alternative energy are needed or appropriate.

I hope that the above information is of use to you and your Committee.

Yours sincerely

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