

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING OF THE TOWN 2022/2023

Recommendations:

1. That the report be noted, and
2. That feedback be provided to officers.

	Yes	No
Does the decision involve new expenditure?		No
Is there an existing budget for the proposed expenditure	Yes	
What procurement level is required?	Quote	
Are there equalities impacts / an equalities assessment required?		No
Does this require a full council decision? (Reports for full council decision should still be sent to the relevant committee where possible.)	Yes	
Is there a background paper or papers? (provide links below).		No

Background

1. Losses to the Council's stock of lighting over the previous 2 years mean that there is not the capacity to light the town to the pre-covid level.
2. Replacement equipment to return the lighting plan to pre-covid levels includes purchase of 25 light motifs at an average of £300 and a lighting net for West Street at a cost of £300.
3. Repairs include the centerpiece ball light at the Town Hall which was damaged in Storm Arwen and repairs to an electrical feeder box in Grove Gardens which appears to have been hit by a vehicle.
4. The above replacements and repairs (i.e. non-recurring costs) are projected to cost £9,694.
5. Our recurring set up costs (including set up costs for the Rotary Club New Bridge lights if this is to go ahead) are £11,250.
6. Costings in table form:

Item	Non-recurring cost	Recurring cost
Christmas Trees		£550
Christmas Lights set up		£8,500
New Bridge Lighting set up		£2,200*
Town Hall Ball light repair**	£600	
West Street Lighting net replace	£300	
Repair of Feeder box Grove Gardens	£1,294	
New motif purchases	£7,500	
TOTAL	£9,694	£11,250

* If Rotary Club plans for the Royal Tweed Bridge come to fruition.

** Price of repair to be confirmed but £600 would be the maximum cost, i.e. purchase of new like-for-like equipment.

Issues arising from proposal

There is a degree of reputational risk arising from the town being inadequately lit during the festive season.

Rationale for recommendation

Not applicable.