

## Heritage Lamp Standards

### Background

1. Members are reminded of the following minute from their 19 December 2016 meeting

### **C215/16      12. HERITAGE LAMP STANDS**

It was **RESOLVED** to defer consideration of this matter until a future report in January 2017.

2. The relevant report is attached as an appendix to this report.
3. It is clear that there has been some confusion both as to the scope of the scheme, and its intended benefits.
4. Indeed, one member reported to their constituents via social media that the scheme had been nodded through "Shortly, after the budget was agreed, it was nodded through to spend £30k from reserves on 15 heritage lamp stands..."
5. Clearly, your officers are always willing to be accountable for any confusion that arises from the conduct of council business where that confusion is preventable, but in this case it only became apparent during the meeting that the scheme as proposed would not be agreed by members, and the resolution to defer was clearly agreed..
6. The original scheme projected the cost of the scheme at some £30,000, which was to be vired from non-operational reserves.
7. The Responsible Financial Officer advises that no more than £50,000 should be vired from operational reserves for such a scheme, and that the locations should be chosen to ensure an identifiable benefit to the town in terms of tourism and / or conservation.

### Recommendations

8. Given the difficulties experienced at the meeting of 19 December it is recommended that Council delegate to the Town Clerk, after consultation with the Mayor and his Deputy, the authority to identify the additional locations,
9. That members be invited to make their final suggestions for appropriate locations by midday on Friday 27 January 2017 via the Town Clerk's email address and
- 10 That council **RESOLVES** to vire a sum of no more than £50,000 from reserves for this purpose.

## Heritage Lamp Stands

1. Background: As part of a countywide initiative, NCC are replacing lamp stands with new LED lighting. As part of this initiative, Town and Parish councils are being offered the opportunity to request the installation of heritage Victorian style lamp stands in specific locations at a cost of £2000 per lamp stand. It is proposed that BTC take advantage of this opportunity to improve the visual appearance of selected areas.

2. Proposed Locations:

Old Bridge x 8

Quayside Car Park x 1 [to complement existing lamp stand on Quay Walls]

Parade outside Barracks x 3 or x 5

Total number 13 or 15

Total Cost £26000 or £30000

3. Members are invited to note that this is another occasion where your financial regulations will need to be waived, since it is not possible to seek quotes from another contractor to provide or install these lamp stands.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Members are recommended to approve the waiver of Financial regulation 7 for the purpose of this item, as set out in point 3 above.
2. Members are invited to decide on the location and number of Heritage Lamp Stands to be purchased, using money previously set aside in non-operational reserves, and
3. To delegate authority to the Interim Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer to negotiate the installations as specified with NCC.