

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to outline the provision of Christmas decorations for Christmas 2023

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that the proposal of providing £10,000 each to Eastwood and Kimberley Town Councils, so that they can provide their own Christmas tree, festive lighting and organise their switch on festivities be approved.

3. Detail

In 2022, Cabinet approved that £10,000 each be provided to Eastwood, Kimberley and Stapleford Town Councils so that the Town Councils could supply Christmas lighting in their own areas. It was also agreed that Broxtowe Borough Council would source and provide a tree for the Town Councils, from the £10,000 budget. The approval for the funding runs for three years.

Discussions have been held with all three Town Councils and Eastwood and Kimberley Town Councils would like to receive the full £10,000 as they will source their own Christmas trees. Kimberley have expressed an interest in this arrangement being of a longer term nature as they feel it is beneficial to the area.

Christmas decorations in Beeston are also funded by a grant of £10,000 from the Council. The Council's Cultural Services Team usually manage the Christmas light switch on festivities in Beeston, Eastwood and Stapleford. Kimberley normally organise their own switch on festivities. No changes are proposed to these arrangements.

Stapleford Town Council have yet to give a definite answer as to their preference. The matter is scheduled to be discussed at their 24 July meeting and feedback will be given to the Council after that meeting. Therefore, approval for Stapleford's funding will be brought before Cabinet at a later date.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There are no additional financial implications for the Council with these costs being contained within existing budgets.

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

Whilst no direct legal implications arise at this stage, there will be a requirement for a legal agreement to be drawn up setting out the terms and conditions of the contribution including the requirement for indemnity insurance, risk assessments as well as other general provisions.

6. Human Resources Implications

The comments from the Human Resources Manager were as follows:
N/A

7. Union Comments

The Union comments were as follows:
N/A

8. Climate Change Implications

The comments from the Waste and Climate Change Manager were as follows:

The consideration of sustainable decorations, particularly those incorporating low energy lighting and those made from environmentally friendly materials, is highly recommended. Prioritising the sustainability of these decorations will not only lower energy consumption but will help reduce the events overall carbon footprint.

9. Data Protection Compliance Implications

N/A

10. Equality Impact Assessment

N/A

11. Background Papers

Nil