

# AGENDA ITEM 9

## RURAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

9 JANUARY 2013

### REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

#### CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

##### 1. THE PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks Member's approval for the allocation of £8,000 from 2012/13 budget reductions to purchase additional Christmas Lights for Burton Street.

##### 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That Members approve the allocation of £8,000 from 2012/13 budget reductions to purchase additional Christmas Lights for Burton Street.**

##### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council currently owns the Christmas Lights in the town with costs incurred for their installation and storage.
- 3.2 The Christmas Lights event kick starts the whole annual Christmas Campaign which attracts individuals and coaches to the town centre. Melton is now a key destination as a Christmas Shopping destination and coach and bus trips are put on around the East Midlands specifically for Christmas Shopping trips to the town.
- 3.3 The proposal is to link the Christmas Light event and lights from Parkside to the Town Centre. It is proposed to install lights along the path besides Play Close and Burton Street car park.

##### 4. POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Management team can under its delegated authority approve the £8,000 allocation from budget reductions. However, as Members previously made a policy decision to reduce funding in this area, it will require committee approval for this allocation.
- 4.2 There are clear links to the town centre in relation to attracting visitors.

##### 5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Members are asked to approve the allocation of £8,000 from 2012/13 budget reductions for the purchase of additional lights for Burton Street.

##### 6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct legal implications

##### 7. EQUALITIES

- 7.1 No direct Equalities issues have been identified.

8. **RISKS**

8.1 No direct Risks have been identified. The Christmas Light switch on is subject to a detailed Risk assessment.

9. **CONSULTATION**

9.1 Management Team have considered this request.

10. **WARDS AFFECTED**

10.1 Wards within Melton Mowbray.

11. **CLIMATE CHANGE**

11.1 There are no direct Climate Change Issues

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Appendices: None

Background papers: None

Reference: Council, C'tees & Sub-C'tees/REEA/2012-13/09-01-12/Christmas Lighting