

Title of Report:	Renewals/Replacement of Festive Lights
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services
Date of Meeting:	8th October 2019
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Protecting and enhancing our environment and assets
Outcome	Continued maintenance of Festive Lighting Provision
Lead Officer	Head of Estates

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	Less than £30,000
Included in Current Year Estimates	No
Capital/Revenue	Capital
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:

1.0 Replacement/Renewal of defective festive lighting

Over the last 7 years Council has upgraded and enhanced the festive lighting systems throughout the Borough. Given the fragility and the extremes of weather to which they are subjected, some of the original lights now need replaced.

2.0 Background

Prior to the introduction of RPA, legacy councils were replacing and enhancing their Festive lighting provision. This entailed introducing modern low wattage LED lights and features. The last major update took place in Limavady, Dungiven and Ballycastle in 2017. Whilst these lights are designed for external use, they do experience extremes of wind, rain and frost which eventually lead to failure. Some of the original LED lights and features are now beyond repair and, to ensure continued provision of lighting, need replaced.

3.0 Proposals

Testing and inspection is currently underway to assess the extent of the required replacement and is likely to fall between £20,000 and £30,000. Although the final cost is not yet known, if Council wish to continue with the festive lighting provision as per previous years, a decision on replacement purchase is required now to ensure timely delivery.

4.0 Options

- 4.1 Do not replace lights – this will lead to visible ‘gaps’ in lighting systems throughout the Borough with possible negative feedback.
- 4.2 Replace lights to ensure lighting provision mirrors that of previous years

5.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee considers festive lighting provision and recommends to Council their preferred option.