

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>FESTIVE LIGHT UPGRADE, LIMAVADY AREA</b> | <b>6<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b> |
| <b>TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</b> |                                 |
| <b>FOR DECISION</b>                         |                                 |

| <b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b> |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Strategic Theme</b>                       | Embracing new technologies and processes to bring about better experiences for citizens & visitors |
| <b>Outcome</b>                               | Enhance and upgrade existing lights across Borough   |
| <b>Lead Officer</b>                          | Head of Estates  |
| <b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>                 | £243,363   |

**The purpose of this report is to request permission to continue with the upgrade of the Borough's festive lighting.**

### **Background**

Since April 2015 Council has embarked on a programme of upgrades to existing festive lighting with major work carried out last year (refer report item 7 June 2016). This work has been necessary to improve the electrical infrastructure, replace lights no longer fit for purpose, provide modern LED lighting and comply with latest electrical legislation. Last year significant work was undertaken in Ballycastle along with improvements to Coleraine, Garvagh, Ballymoney, Portrush, Portstewart and Bushmills.

Benefits include:

- Consistency in displays across the borough
- LED lighting reduces running costs
- Relocation to reduce maintenance
- Compliance with legislation/TransportNI requirements
- Reduction in maintenance costs during festive period
- Reduction in lighting failures and resultant adverse publicity

### **Detail**

As part of this on-going work it is proposed to carry out similar improvements to Limavady, Dungiven and Ballykelly this year. This work will conclude the need for further significant expenditure in the short to medium term but Council will need to budget for on-going maintenance of existing provision. A general theme has evolved which provides standard features on columns, LED 'strings' across streets, light ceilings and bespoke features to Council buildings. The proposal is to continue with

this theme and also addresses points previously raised by residents, particularly in Limavady.

#### Limavady

Column features to be installed in Connell Street and car park, Irish Green Street, Linenhall Street, Catherine Street, Main Street, Central car park. Light ceiling to Market Street, new LED lights to Christmas tree and RGB light strings to Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre. LED lighting to trees (Estimate £190,225)

#### Dungiven

LED column features to Main Street and new strings to roadside trees. It is also proposed to move Christmas tree to entrance of car park c/w new LED strings. (Estimate £26,510)

#### Ballykelly

LED column features to Main Street, LED strings to existing roadside tree and new strings to Christmas tree. (Estimate £10,150)

Installation of power supplies, mini pillars and miscellaneous electrical infrastructure. Provided by Transport NI (estimate £16,478)

### **Total Cost £243,363**

Examples of the proposed lighting are attached at Appendix VI for information.

#### **Potential for Funding**

Earlier this year DfC intimated that they may be in a position to offer some funding for a lighting scheme. Unfortunately, due to there being no Executive in place, DfC are not currently in a position to offer this support but have intimated that they will consider an application once their budget for 2017/18 has been confirmed. Should members wish to proceed with the above proposals it should be on the understanding that Council will 100% fund the scheme but officers will continue to explore the potential for external funding which subsequently might be used to off-set cost to Council. Note any funding would apply only to Limavady and not to Dungiven or Ballykelly.

#### **Options**

Option 1. Approve lighting scheme upgrade as outlined at a cost of £243,363. Officers to continue to seek external funding to help off-set cost.

Option 2. Continue with lighting scheme as erected in previous years. Note there will be a cost of up to £20,000 to improve electrical infrastructure, comply with current legislation and replace some existing lights which can't be repaired.

#### **Recommendation**

Council are asked to discuss and recommend which is their preferred option.



Causeway  
Coast & Glens  
Limavady









LIMAVADY  
CONNELL STREET CAR PARK 2





LIMAVADY  
ALLEYWAY MOTIFS 3



COCAN &  
SHACKLETON





LIMAVADY  
CEILING OF LIGHT - MARKET STREET





LIMAVADY  
LARGE NATURAL TREE





LIMAVADY  
LARGE COLUMN - SINGLE MOTIF













LIMAVADY  
LIBRARY FRONT (RED)





LIMAVADY  
LIBRARY FRONT (GREEN)





LIMAVADY  
LIBRARY FRONT (BLUE)





















LIMAVADY  
CHRISTMAS TREE



Causeway  
Coast & Glens  
Ballykelly





**BALLYKELLY**  
MAIN STREET COLUMN MOTIFS 1



**BALLYKELLY**  
MAIN STREET COLUMN MOTIFS 2





**BALLYKELLY**  
CHRISTMAS TREE



# Causeway Coast & Glens Dungiven





**DUNGIVEN**  
MAIN STREET COLUMN MOTIFS & TREES



DUNGIVEN  
MAIN STREET COLUMN MOTIFS





DUNGIVEN  
CHRISTMAS TREE