

FULL COUNCIL 8th SEPTEMBER 2021

RECIFICATION WORKS TO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ELECTRICS

1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To receive details of the costs of undertaking works to the Christmas Lights electrical supply.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting on 14th July, Councillors agreed to defer this item and asked the Clerk to obtain additional quotes.
- 2.2 Councillors will recall that the requirement for additional work was identified from the health check undertaken by SparkX, the Christmas Lights contractor on Monday 5th July.

3. NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 The Clerk requested a quotation from SSE who undertake work for MCC Street Lighting. All the information on all the electrical supplies were sent to SSE, subsequently they declined to quote.
- 3.2 There is some urgency to commissioning this work. Should this item be deferred until the October meeting for the new clerk to seek further quotes then this reduces the time for the successful contractor to undertake the works before the installation of the Christmas Lights commences.
- 3.3 SparkX provided a cost breakdown for the work that must be carried out to ensure compliance and additional costs for the installation of timeclocks which would enable the street column decorations to be turned off rather than stay on 24 hours which has been the situation to date.
- 3.4 As a reminder, in total 17 columns and 8 wall boxes require immediate attention and full overhaul at a cost of £9950 (17 columns £5950, 8 wall mounted supplies £4000). This cost would include reusing the time clocks that are currently in situ to control the festoon lighting and LED spheres. With this option, the decorations on the street columns would be on 24/7 from the time they lights are switched on in November until they are switched off in January whereas the festoon lighting and LED spheres would switch off a midnight and switch on at 4pm.
- 3.5 To install new timeclocks throughout (to control street column decorations and decorations on the catenary wires) would be an additional £2100. There is merit in putting in new and doing everything in one go but this will cost £12,050. To just add new timeclocks for the 17 street light columns would £1700 so another option would be to use the old timeclocks for the festoon lighting and new timeclocks for the street columns at a cost of £11,650
- 3.6 In summary the options are:
- Carry out works to comply, reuse timeclocks £9950

- Carry out the works to comply, reuse some timeclocks and buy 17 new £11,650
- Carry out works to comply, install all new timeclocks £12,050

3.7 The Christmas Lights budget is fully committed and therefore the additional funding would be taken from reserves.

3.8 Work carried out by SparkX would be by their in-house qualified electricians and will have a 5 year warranty. SparkX do not use sub-contractors.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 To approve an additional £11650 to bring the electrical supplies up to the required standard and install timeclocks on all supplies.