

FESTIVE LIGHTING UPGRADE/IMPROVEMENTS	7th June 2016
TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	
FOR DECISION	

Linkage to Corporate Plan : Innovation & Transformation	
Strategic Priority :	Embracing new technologies and processes to bring about better experiences for citizens & visitors
Objective	Enhance and upgrade existing lights across Borough
Lead Officer	G Doyle
Cost: (If applicable)	£140,000

1.1 Background

The four legacy Councils traditionally erected festive lighting at various centres of population throughout their boroughs/district. There were differences in style, type, layout and quantity. There has also been different approaches to repair, maintenance and renewal which has led to the current situation where there is noticeable variation across the borough in the quality of the presentations.

1.2 Detail

This proposal seeks to address the following issues:

- Upgrade/renewal of lighting systems that are no longer fit for purpose
- Provision of modern LED trees to Ballycastle, Ballymoney, Coleraine and Limavady
- Re-location of feature trees
- Improvements to electrical infrastructure (mini pillars, cabling, additional sources of power)
- Compliance with legislation

Ballycastle (£55,000)

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New LED tree

New features

New stringed lighting

Ballymoney (£15,000)

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New LED tree

Increase in number of power sources for stringed features.

Improvements to cabling

Bushmills (£15,000)

Improved supply to tree

New and additional features

Coleraine (£22,000)

New LED tree

Additional lighting to New Market St

New lighting at Railway Place and Leisure Centre

Garvagh (£1,000)

Alterations to lighting controls

Limavady (£12,000)

New LED tree

Portrush (£5,000)

Relocate Christmas tree

Portstewart (£14,000)

Relocate Christmas tree

New features to suit curved promenade lamp posts

Benefits include:

- Consistency in displays across the borough
- LED lighting reduces running costs
- Re-usable LED trees more durable than natural trees (4 main town centres)
- Relocation to reduce maintenance
- Compliance with legislation/TransportNI requirements
- Reduction in maintenance costs during festive period
- Reduction in lighting failures and resultant adverse publicity

Other locations featuring festive lighting (eg, Dungiven and Ballykelly) are currently acceptable requiring no further investment at present. There is an ongoing requirement to renew/repair features as they deteriorate over time.

The 2016/17 Capital Works program contains an Essential Estates Lifecycle Fund to fund this proposal.

1.3 Recommendation

It is recommended that Members approve the proposal to enhance and upgrade the festive lighting displays throughout the borough.